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Time is running out, warns UN chief

War may break out again: Iran

NICOSIA, Aug 31, (Reuters): Iran warned today that renewed fighting could break out with Iraq, saying peace talks at Geneva were not going well and accusing Baghdad of ceasefire violations.

"Either we will reach peace through negotiations, or Iraq's violations will lead to the war starting anew," Tehran Radio quoted military supreme Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani as saying.

"We have not despaired of peace. But we will suffer if we become lax," he said.

Iran's Armed Forces General Command headquarters ordered all battlefield units of the Army and the Revolutionary Guards to maintain full combat capacity "as the best means to foil enemy plots."

Violations

The radio said volunteer fighters from Mazandaran and Kerman provinces left for the front today.

A military official quoted by Tehran Radio listed 11 violations by the Iraqis between Aug 22 and 27, including the shooting and killing of an Iranian soldier in the south and the capture of 700 Iranian soldiers.

Rafsanjani said yesterday the trend of UN-mediated peace talks in Geneva was "undesirable," but even if war broke out again, Iran would still achieve peace from a position of strength and with better conditions.

In Geneva, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said time was running out for the peace talks, stalled for a seventh day mainly over a 1975 border treaty that Iraq says is no longer valid.

"We will neither compromise nor make deals on this treaty," Tehran Radio quoted Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati as telling Iranian reporters. "For us, national interests cannot be exchanged for anything."

Defines

The Algiers accord, signed by the late Shah of Iran and Hussein, gave Iran sovereignty over the eastern half of the Shatt Al Arab waterway, which defines the southernmost 200 km (125 miles) of border and is Iraq's main outlet to the Gulf.

In Baghdad, the ruling Baath Party newspaper Al Thawra said today Iraq needed full sovereignty over the Shatt Al Arab and a new border treaty was required for a lasting peace.

The Defence Ministry daily Al Qadisiya said Iraq's rights in the waterway were not negotiable.

"Iraq will not yield any of its legal and inalienable historical rights no matter how many sacrifices this takes," it said.

The semi-official Al Jumhuriya said new ties with Iran required a new agreement to guarantee Iraqi rights.

The Iranian news agency IRNA quoted Velayati as saying an Iraqi request for the waterway to be dredged could be considered but not as a pre-condition before implementing other parts of UN Security Council Resolution 598 — the basis of the peace talks.

Velayati said if pre-conditions were in order, Iran could demand Iraqi refugees and deportees return to their country.

The question of the Iraqi refugees, who number about 500,000 in Iran, is not dealt with directly in Resolution 598.

Reaffirmed

The official Iraqi News Agency said President Saddam Hussein met today with the ambassadors to Baghdad of the five permanent member countries of the UN Security Council — the United States, the Soviet Union, China, France and Britain.

The agency said Saddam reaffirmed Iraq's deep belief in a comprehensive and lasting peace

that would safeguard the sovereignty of the two countries. It gave no further details.

The first direct talks in five days between Iran and Iraq were planned for this evening and may be a sign of progress, a spokesman for UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said.

The adversaries began negotiating last Thursday but have not met directly since Friday and are still stuck on the first point of the agenda — a ceasefire and withdrawal of troops to international boundaries.

Mediation

"It is still the intention of the secretary-general to have this evening a plenary meeting, direct talks between the two ministers of Iran and Iraq," UN spokesman Francois Giuliani said.

Perez de Cuellar will name a special representative who will carry on the mediation in his absence before leaving tomorrow, Giuliani said. But it would take at least a couple of days for the new envoy to familiarise himself and the secretary-general might return after his engagement.

"I think the secretary-general is frustrated by the slow pace of the talks and by inability to reach the necessary compromise," said Giuliani.



Rescuers enter the fuselage of the Chinese airliner which crashed near Hong Kong airport. (Reuters wirephoto)

Planes crash around the world

11 perish in huge ball of fire in Texas

GRAPEVINE, Texas, Aug 31, (AP): A Delta Air Lines jetliner carrying more than 100 people crashed and burned on takeoff today at Dallas-Fort Worth airport, killing at least 11 people and injuring about 40, officials said.

Witnesses said the Boeing 727 went down in hazy sunshine, broke into two and "exploded in a huge ball of fire" on a flat, grassy field near the runway. Many of the survivors climbed to safety through a blackened hole in the top of the jet cabin.

Firefighters sprayed foam and quickly put out the flames, but the split-open fuselage smoldered more than an hour after the 9:03 am (1403 GMT) accident, which closed the airport. Ambulances took away the injured.

Bill Berry, a spokesman for Delta, the fourth-largest US airline, said at least 11 people were killed and 96 others survived. He said airline officials knew of about 40 injured in three hospitals.

Berry had earlier reported 15 dead. He said that figure was based on erroneous reports from hospital officials and people at the scene. He said the three pilots survived.

Infants

Flight 1141 began in Jackson, Mississippi, and was taking off en route Salt Lake City, Utah. The airline's list indicated 97 passengers and seven crew members were on board, but the exact number was not known because infants are not included on the lists, Delta said.

"The important thing is that the airplane was 1,000 feet (300 metres) from the end of the runway," Berry said. "This had to aid rescue efforts."

Investigators had no immediate indication of the cause of the crash, said Michael Benson, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board.

Benson said at least 20 people

survived. "There are probably more" survivors, he said. "We don't know for sure."

A source involved in the federal investigation said early indications were that the jet took an unusually long time to become airborne, that it climbed to only about 80 feet (25 metres), and that the left wing struck the runway first.

Caused

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was too early to determine what caused the apparent takeoff problems.

Ben Waugh, an uninjured passenger, told reporters the plane "never got in the air."

"I heard a noise — I knew something was wrong," Waugh said.

He said the plane was in flames within a minute and as it broke into two, passengers began scrambling through the roof.

"The plane had slid sideways about the last 100 yards (metres) on the ground. It wasn't a violent crash. It wasn't cartwheeling or anything like that," said Jerry Weeks, an airport worker who spoke with some of the survivors.

Parkland Memorial Hospital emergency room attendants said they were told to prepare for 40 to 50 injured, most with burns, cuts and broken bones.

Witness Clive Lane said he saw the plane from his window before it crashed.

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Seven killed in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, Aug 31, (AP): A huge floating crane lifted a crumpled Chinese jetliner from the water late today near Hong Kong airport as an investigation began into the crash that killed seven people, the government reported.

A government statement said the dead included six crew members. A Hong Kong passenger also died after being hospitalized with head injuries.

The bodies of the crew members were found in the front part of the plane, which had been submerged in the water just off Kai Tak international airport's lone runway, said Tsui Hin-Cheuk, divisional commander of the fire services department.

Skidded

The British-built Trident, which broke into two belonged to Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), China's flag-carrier. It skidded off the runway in heavy rain as it landed on a flight from Canton, capital of China's southern Guangdong province, 144 kilometres (90 miles) to the northwest.

Fifteen of the 89 people on board Flight 301 were injured, including two of the 12 American passengers and a Frenchman, CAAC reported. Thirteen people admitted to a hospital were in fair and satisfactory condition, officials said.

"You know, today the weather is not very good," CAAC station manager Chen Zhengyou said when asked about the cause of the crash. China's official Xinhua news agency, in a terse two-sentence report monitored in Beijing, blamed the stormy weather for the accident.

Hong Kong officials refused to speculate on the cause and immediately launched an investigation. A London spokesman for British Aerospace PLC, which makes the Tridents, said

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Soviets will consider Kuwaiti arms request

MOSCOW, Aug 31, (KUNA): The Chief of Staff of the Soviet armed forces, Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, yesterday said Moscow will be "consider" any specific arms purchase request by Kuwait and indicated the response will be "positive."

The Soviet Army chief praised the defence capabilities of Kuwait, saying its armed forces succeeded in defending the country's sovereignty and independence "during the critical phase of the Iran-Iraq war."

Akhromeyev spoke to KUNA and a Kuwaiti newspaper, after seeing off Kuwaiti Army Chief of Staff Major General Mezyad Al Sane who flew to Leningrad. Mezyad is on an official visit to the Soviet Union.

Responding to a question, the marshal said military co-operation between Kuwait and Moscow is based on firm ties between the two countries.

Policy

"As our two countries are pursuing a policy of peace, coexistence and non-aggression, it has been possible for them to co-operate in military areas though we belong to different economic and social systems," he said.

Akhromeyev called Al Sane's visit "useful" adding that it was a good opportunity for the two military leaders to get to know each other.

The Soviet official said his talks with the Kuwaiti chief-of-staff dealt with military co-operation. He said no military agreement was signed during Al Sane's stay in Moscow.

Tensions

Asked to comment on tensions in the Middle East, Akhromeyev said the war in the Gulf has stopped and efforts are now aimed at consolidating peace in the region.

He repeated his country's conviction that foreign naval presence in the Arabian Gulf "cannot be useful."

Discussing other Middle East tensions, the Soviet marshal said he believed there is now a state of military equilibrium between Israel and Syria.

In Moscow, the Kuwaiti military delegation visited two Soviet air bases and attended an air show.

Emergency rule in Sind ends

KARACHI, Aug 31, (Reuters): The Pakistan government ended emergency rule in its southern province of Sind today with the swearing in of a new chief minister.

The transfer of executive power to Chief Minister Akhtar Ali Kazi followed a reduction in ethnic violence which has killed more than 500 people in Sind in the past 22 months.

Since late June, when Sind's second city Hyderabad erupted in rioting between Sindhis and mohajir immigrants from India, the province had been ruled by acting Governor Rahimuddin Khan.

Kazi's promotion from senior minister came only a day after opposition parties urged acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan to dismiss the provincial governments ahead of November's polls.

Demand

But opposition alliance convenor Khan Abdul Wali Khan said: "It is not a slap on our face." Their demand would take time to be implemented, he said.

The four provincial chiefs were appointed by former President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq after he dismissed the federal government and dissolved the National Assembly on May 29.

Ishaq Khan included them in his emergency council after he took over as President following Zia's death in an air crash on Aug 17.

But the opposition led by Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party argues the provincial governments must be replaced with neutral administrations to ensure fair elections on Nov 16.

"We don't want the leftover bodies of Zia at Islamabad and the four provincial capitals," said Khan. "You can't expect impartial elections from them."

Uprising will continue until victory: Arafat

GENEVA, Aug 31, (Agencies): Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat vowed today that the nearly nine-month old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli occupied territories would continue "until victory," though the Israeli forces have unleashed a new wave of brutality.

"Revolution until victory," Arafat said in a speech read to a conference of non-governmental organisations on the Palestine question, meeting under UN auspices in Geneva.

Surprised

Arafat, whose speech was read by the PLO's chief Geneva representative, Nabil Ramlawi, said: "Peace can only be achieved if Israel withdraws fully from the occupied territories." He reiterated a PLO call that the territories be placed under United Nations surveillance.

Israeli officials have ruled out

any increased UN role in the occupied territories.

Arafat said the PLO was "surprised and caught unawares" by Jordan's decision to cut ties with the Israeli-occupied West Bank, and called it "a denial of responsibilities."

Jordan's King Hussein announced July 31 that he was withdrawing administrative facilities that his kingdom exercised in the Israeli-occupied West Bank since annexing it in 1948, in the wake of the establishment of the state of Israel. Israel occupied the territory in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Assume

Arafat said that after studying the situation, "the PLO decided to assume all responsibilities resulting from such measures."

In a separate statement to the conference, convened annually under UN auspices, the PLO's chief political officer, Farouk

Kaddoumi, said the PLO will assume "full responsibility" for the hiring and paying of civil servants in the West Bank.

He said the uprising "has had a major impact on Israel itself" because Israelis are also questioning the practices of the occupying authorities.

He accused the Israeli Army of "collective assassination, live burials, and the use of toxic gases prohibited under international law."

Clashes

Two Arabs died today after clashes with soldiers in the occupied territories, and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said rocks should be considered lethal weapons, which would let all Israelis open fire if they believed their lives were in danger.

Palestinians also observed the second day of a general strike.

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US cruiser ends Gulf assignment Vincennes withdrawn

MANAMA, Bahrain, Aug 31, (AP): The USS Vincennes, ending a Gulf assignment marred by trouble and tragedy, sails on Sunday for home, representing the first cutback in US naval forces since the Iraq-Iran ceasefire accord.

The 9,600-ton missile cruiser will be officially detached that day from the Navy's joint task force Middle East, to begin the 13,000-mile journey to its home port at San Diego, California, Navy sources said.

The withdrawal of Vincennes from the carrier battle group in the Arabian Sea trims the American naval force in the region from 27 to 26 warships, the first reduction since the ceasefire officially went into effect on Aug 15.

US officials disclosed earlier that the Vincennes would not be replaced, as originally planned, by the USS Mobile Bay, another of the Navy's high-tech Aegis cruisers. Its deployment to the Gulf was being "postponed indefinitely," they said.

The Pentagon says the US fleet will be further scaled back if the

ceasefire continues to hold. But it has given no timetable for the drawdown, and other ships in the force are still being replaced on schedule.

Allowing for a month's sailing time and at least one port call en route, the Vincennes would reach San Diego in mid-October.

The Vincennes' departure closes out a grim chapter for the ship, on its first combat zone assignment since being christened in 1984 by Marilyn Quayle, wife of Indiana Senator Dan Quayle, the Republican Party's nominee for vice-president.

Blunder

The Vincennes on July 3 shot down an Iranian civilian jetliner over the Strait of Hormuz, killing all 290 aboard, after mistaking the A-300 Airbus for an attacking F-14 fighter.

Pentagon officials attributed the blunder to crew stress in combat, but ruled out punitive action and said Iran shared the blame by allowing the jetliner to overfly a naval skirmish, involving the Vincennes and some Iranian gunboats.

India takes steps to muzzle the press

NEW DELHI, Aug 31, (AP): The Indian Parliament has enacted legislation that confronts journalists with possible prison sentences of up to five years for writing stories that defame people.

The Defamation Bill 1988, sponsored by the federal government, was passed yesterday by a voice vote in Parliament, amid strong resistance from opposition political parties, Indian news agencies said.

Members from opposition parties walked out of Parliament to protest the bill they said was designed to "muzzle the press," Press Trust of India news agency reported.

Opposition parliamentarians resisted the bill's passage because it seeks to cover any imputation of criminal offence against an individual as aggravated defamation, FTI and the United News of India said.

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Zia inspected missiles for Afghan guerrillas

ISLAMABAD, Aug 31, (Agencies): Afghanistan had hatched a plot to assassinate Pakistan's President Zia-ul-Haq, the Daily Express of London has reported quoting a defector from the Afghan secret service.

The former financial director of the feared KHAD gave himself up to mujahideen guerrillas outside Kabul shortly before the Pakistani leader's aircraft crashed killing everyone on board on Aug 17.

His evidence appears to give the clearest clue so far to those responsible.

It also fuels speculation that the KGB may have been involved.

KHAD works closely with the KGB and has agents working in Pakistan.

The defector told Pakistani intelligence men that Soviets were losing patience with Zia's supply of arms to the Afghan resistance and felt the best chance to guarantee survival of

the puppet regime in Kabul was to eliminate him.

Two months ago, another KHAD agent, arrested for bringing in explosives, revealed that its strategy had changed from bomb blasts in Pakistan cities to the direct targeting of VIPs.

Suspicion of Afghan involvement is reinforced by evidence that Zia was not on a trip to inspect tanks for the Pakistani Army, but was looking at missiles designed for Afghan guerrillas.

The Soviet Union has strongly denied reports that it was involved in the killing of Zia.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov also rejected a news report that Moscow warned Pakistan during a meeting between Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov and US Ambassador Jack Matlock.

"No threats against the Pakistani President or his country were voiced" during the meeting, Gerasimov said.

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Flood victims flock to Dhaka

DHAKA, Aug. 31. (Reuters): Thousands of Bangladeshi families made homeless by monsoon floods that have killed more than 250 people streamed into Dhaka today, but officials said there was not enough room for all of them.

"They are coming from near and far, but only a few of them will find a place to live," an official in the capital said.

The government has ordered schools, colleges and other buildings to be opened as emergency shelters, but officials said they would barely be enough to accommodate Dhaka residents made homeless by floods.

Camps
Floods triggered by heavy rains are now affecting a third of Bangladesh's 105 million people. Nearly 250,000 flood victims are in makeshift camps across the country but rescuers trying to reach remote villages say at least 10 million people are still cut off.

At Kamrangirchar on the outskirts of Dhaka, floods reached roof level. Hundreds of families have taken refuge on rooftops, but are spending sleepless nights because of the threat from poisonous snakes.

Loss
Agriculture officials said floods over the past two weeks had destroyed at least \$250 million worth of rice and jute. Officials said nearly 2,000 civilian and Army doctors were battling dysentery and other diseases, caused by rotten food and contaminated water in the wake of the floods.

In India's northeastern state of Assam bordering Bangladesh, officials said floods had killed 65 people and made 700,000 homeless.

State authorities today asked for \$55 million in relief funds from the Indian government in New Delhi.

Bangladesh today appealed for international aid for victims of floods.

"The situation is alarming," President Hussain Muhammad Ershad said after visiting flood-stricken areas north of Dhaka.

First contact since Solidarity outlawed

Walesa holds talks with Polish minister

WARSAW, Aug. 31. (Reuters): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa had talks with Interior Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak today, in his first meeting with Poland's communist authorities since they outlawed the free trade union in 1982, the official news agency PAP said.

It said the two men discussed premises and procedures for setting up wide-ranging round-table talks between the government, opposition and pro-government groups to deliberate on Poland's future.

Also attending today's preliminary discussions were Bishop Jerzy Dabrowski, deputy secretary of the Roman Catholic Bishops Conference and Stanislaw Ciosek, a senior communist official responsible for the Patriotic Movement for National Rebirth (PRON), a pro-government political front.

Anniversary
Solidarity sources said the talks were at a government villa somewhere in Warsaw. Walesa earlier slipped away from journalists to reach the meeting place after driving 350 km from his home in the northern port of Gdansk.

The talks coincided with the eighth anniversary of the Gdansk accords, signed by Walesa and the authorities, which set up Solidarity as the

communist world's first independent trade union.

PAP gave no details of the discussions, issuing only a 34-word bulletin saying they were taking place.

"I hope to make up for the past seven years," Walesa told reporters as he entered the headquarters of the Polish Episcopate for preliminary talks with Dabrowski, who is deputy secretary of the Polish bishops' conference.

Since Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski imposed martial law in December 1981 to suppress Solidarity, Walesa and the outlawed union have been vilified and boycotted by the authorities but backed by Poland's powerful Catholic Church.

Asked what he would tell Kiszczak, the man who in 1981 signed an order consigning him to 11 months' internment under martial law, Walesa told reporters before leaving Gdansk: "I'll tell him how to make up for the seven years."

In Warsaw, Walesa slipped out of the Episcopate building through a rear garage and drove to the meeting at a government villa in the south of the capital.

The talks brought Walesa face-to-face with Kiszczak for the first time since the Interior Minister visited him in 1982 when he was interned at a village

outside Warsaw.

They took place amid a two-week wave of pro-Solidarity strikes, the country's worst labour unrest since 1981.

Ciosek, the fourth participant in the talks, is another old adversary of Walesa. The two clashed frequently when Ciosek was trade unions minister during Solidarity's brief era of legality.

The government agreed to the talks as it faced prolonged labour unrest for the first time since the Solidarity era.

The strike wave is the second this year, and officials publicly express fears of further unrest in the winter even if it ends soon.

Workers demanding recognition of Solidarity and higher pay to compensate for rising prices are on strike at a coal-mine, four shipyards, the ports of Gdansk and Szczecin, a steel mill and a Szczecin bus depot.

Last weekend Deputy Interior Minister Czeslaw Staszczak told the party's policy-making central committee that a third wave of strikes was likely in the winter as authorities wrestle with a prolonged economic crisis.

The two waves of strikes this year, and particularly the present one, have re-emphasised the problem of Solidarity won't go away," a Western diplomat said, noting that the strikers were predominantly young radicals.

23 wounded as bomb damages office of anti-apartheid groups

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 31. (AP): A bomb explosion early today shattered an office building used by several major anti-apartheid groups, and police said 23 people were injured.

The type of explosive and the identity of the bombers was not known, police said. Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu blamed the attack on "the perpetrators or supporters of apartheid."

The injured included passers-by and employees of the South African Council of Churches, the main occupant of the six-storey Khotso House. Several nearby shops and apartment buildings were heavily damaged.

Commitment
Tutu, a leader of the church council and winner of the 1984 Nobel peace prize for his anti-apartheid campaigning, said the blast "represents a new low in the behaviour of those who seek to destroy the witness of the church against the evil policies of the South African government."

"The evil people who carried out this despicable bombing must know that they will never deter the church from its commitment to non-violent methods of transforming South Africa society," Tutu said.

It was the second explosion to wreck the Johannesburg headquarters of anti-apartheid groups. Last year, the offices of the main black labour federation, the Congress of South Africa Trade Unions, and several of its affiliates were severely damaged.

The union congress, in a statement, described today's bombing as part of a "continuous campaign against the opponents of apartheid" and said it had heard nothing from police about investigations of the 1987 blast at its headquarters.

The explosion today was believed to have occurred in the parking garage underneath Khotso House, which means house of peace. A fire was set off after gas pipes were destroyed.

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South African soldiers flash victory sign while leaving Angola. (Reuters wirephoto)

Cuba urged to match peace initiative

S. Africa pulls out of Angola

RUNDU, Namibia, Aug. 31. (Reuters): South Africa has completed the withdrawal of about 3,000 troops from Angola and challenged Cuba to set a timetable for the repatriation of its forces in line with a US-led peace initiative.

The end of the pullout on Tuesday was monitored at the Namibian border town of Rundu by senior officers from South Africa, Angola and Cuba, which have been observing a ceasefire in southwestern Africa since Aug. 10.

"Our governments have shown the world that our peoples are partners in peace and that is our main mission," Angolan representative Major Osvaldo van Dunen told reporters.

Some 1,000 South African soldiers, about half of them black, crossed a pontoon bridge over the Kavango River border from Angola into Pretoria-ruled Namibia.

The last vehicle crossed the river 36 hours ahead of the deadline set in negotiations between the three countries.

Some of the soldiers waved victory signs or cheered but most looked weary and did not react to the barrage of reporters and television cameras that awaited them.

Slogans

Many of the vehicles, including mine-proof trucks, towed howitzers and armoured cars, were daubed with victory slogans.

"We are out of Angola," South African Defence Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Jan Glesson said as troops moved in to dismantle the two-year-old pontoon bridge.

He said the completion of the withdrawal was proof of Pretoria's sincerity in US-mediated peace talks that started in London in May.

He said Angola and Cuba

should now show their good faith by setting an acceptable timetable for the withdrawal of the estimated 50,000 Cuban troops aiding the Luanda government.

South Africa has made the Cuban withdrawal a condition for granting independence to Namibia, a former German colony ruled by Pretoria for 73 years.

"They seem to be in no hurry," he said. "I would be happier if they viewed the matter with a greater sense of urgency."

Havana has proposed a phased withdrawal over 18 months but South Africa is pressing for a complete Cuban pullout by next June 1, the date proposed by Pretoria for UN-supervised independence elections in Namibia.

In Pretoria senior Foreign Ministry official Glenn Babb urged Cuba and Angola to set a timetable soon for the Cuban withdrawal.

It is a hard life ...

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He is the eldest of four children of Noor Mohammad and Fatima Begum.

"My first issue were twins, Gul and Zahoor. Both were dwarfs," Fatima said in her one-room in the Ballimaran district of Old Delhi. "Zahoor died after four years, but Gul lived to become a man."

Her other children, a boy and a girl, grew to normal size.

Gul, which means flower in the Urdu language, is lonely and wants to get married. He was 10 when his father died. His mother soon remarried, and Gul was sent to live with his maternal uncle, where he stays today.

Charity
"I want to marry someone who is of normal height so that she can carry me around, feed me and give me bath... I do not want to live on the charity of my relatives forever," Mohammad said.

His arms are so short that his hands "can't reach his head while bathing," said his aunt, Nargis Begum.

Five more killed in Ulster violence

BELFAST, Aug. 31. (Reuters): The Irish Republican Army (IRA) said today three men shot dead by British commandos in Northern Ireland were on a mission for one of its "active service units."

The IRA statement came as a bomb exploded in an apartment in Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second largest city, killing a man and a woman. Police, who had earlier identified the victims as two men, said the couple died as they were apparently priming a bomb. One other person was injured.

Activists

In another apartment setback for the IRA, a British official in Bonn reported West German police had arrested two suspected IRA members on the Dutch border. Guns and ammunition were found in their car.

The three IRA members killed yesterday evening, including two brothers, died when soldiers raked their car with bullets after intercepting it on a country road near the border with the Irish Republic.

Republic

An IRA statement issued in Belfast said the men were on "active service" when they were shot, but gave no details of their operation. "The IRA salutes their courage," it said.

Police sources said they believed the Army had known the men were planning to shoot a soldier in the locally-recruited Ulster Defence Regiment (UDR). Crack Special Air Services (SAS) troops had then been deployed.

The London Evening Standard newspaper said one soldier acted as a decoy, sitting in a van. Commandos raced from a hideout in a disused building to shoot the guerrillas as they approached the van.

It said one of the men was commander of the mid-tyrone unit of the IRA and a "ruthless and dedicated terrorist."

A farmworker said, "they were really going for it. There were three bursts - one long one, then a second shortish burst and then single shots."

PLO may amend charter

LONDON, Aug. 31. (Reuters): A top PLO official has hinted that the PLO could opt to amend its political charter rather than making an outright declaration of an independent Palestinian state.

Salah Khalaf, the PLO's number two man after chairman Yasser Arafat, said in an interview with the London-based newsletter Middle East Mirror that the PLO would try to close ranks with dissidents at Libyan-sponsored talks ahead of a meeting of the PLO's parliament-in-exile now put back until October.

But Palestinian sources in Tunis said that Arafat left Tripoli today after Libya failed to reconcile him with radical Palestinian leaders.

Plans

They did not give his destination but said he might return for ceremonies tomorrow for the 19th anniversary of the Libyan revolution which brought Moammar Khaddafi to power.

Arafat, who arrived in Tripoli early yesterday, had wanted to discuss plans to form a provisional Palestinian government or government-in-exile with radicals opposed to his leadership, the sources said.

But Ahmed Jibril, secretary general of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), and Abu Musa, head of a splinter group from Arafat's mainstream Fatah group, told Khaddafi they would not meet Arafat.

Salah Khalaf, also known as Abu Iyad, said the postponement of the Palestine National Council (PNC) meeting was "to complete Palestinian, Arab and international consultations" on efforts to lay the foundations of a Palestinian state in the vacuum left by Jordan's disengagement from the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

A likely option, he said, was a new PLO political platform to replace the organisation's current charter.

Argue

"There are those who argue against a declaration of independence now, saying a political platform by the PLO would suffice," Khalaf said.

He said the current debate within Palestinian ranks revolved around "the confines of the intended political platform and whether it will be declared by the PLO as such or accompany a declaration of a state or the setting up of a government."

Jibril said that Libya, a key supporter of the radical groups, now favoured Arafat's demand for an independent state.

Mahmoud Abbas, a member of the PLO's 15-man executive committee, told the UAE newspaper Al Itihad that "all Arab countries, except Syria, agree to support any decision taken by the PLO concerning the formation of a provisional government."

POWs fear persecution if they return home

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 31. (AP): Many Iranian and Iraqi prisoners of war fear persecution if they return home, and Iraqi POWs may riot when repatriation is attempted, according to UN investigators who visited their camps.

POW camps in Iran are ruled internally by zealous Iraqi POWs who have switched their loyalty to Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, the UN experts said in a report to be released tomorrow.

"In each camp we visited (in Iran), there were fanatical, hysterical and sometimes violent demonstrations by the prisoners, who were assembled inside, along the barbed wire fences," the three UN experts reported.

Shouted

The Iraqi prisoners shouted slogans denouncing the superpowers and praised Islam and Khomeini. The rallies were so fervent at the Arak and Davoudieh camps that the UN team was unable to enter safely.

About half the prisoners took part in the rallies, but they were clearly under the influence of 10 per cent or 20 per cent of the POWs, said the UN team, which visited the camps in late July and early August.

They visited camps in Iran on July 23-30, and camps in Iraq July 31-Aug. 5.

In the camps in Iran holding Iraqi prisoners, the team concluded, "there is a risk that riots may break out, for example the moment when transfer is to take place with a view to registration and repatriation."

Control

In the camps in Iraq, the Iranian POWs were more orderly and Iraqi authorities maintained control, but many of the prisoners also hesitated to go home, according to the report.

"The majority, however, seemed inclined to return to Iran, provided they were given effective guarantees that they would not be subject to persecution on their return. In the absence of such guarantees, however, their future looks gloomy," the investigators said.

Iran listed 46,098 POWs in its camps, but many more new prisoners were not registered and the UN team decided the number could be about 70,000.

Iraq furnished a list of 18,139 POWs in its camps at 6,000, but Iraqi authorities told the team many other new detainees are not yet registered, so the total may be about 35,000, the UN decided.

India takes steps to muzzle the press

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Janata Party chief Madhu Danavate said the government wanted the bill passed to protect itself from numerous scandals that have surfaced since 1987.

Kickbacks

Most allege that kickbacks from various defence purchases have been accepted by officials of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party.

The government has denied the charges.

P. Chidambaram, Minister of State for Home Affairs, who introduced the bill in Parliament on Monday, said the government did not intend to curb the press, but ensure that a person's privacy and honour were not destroyed.

"I will defend until my death the right of newspapers to publish what is true," he said. "But the right must be to publish only the truth. Investigations by journalists must lead to facts and not to insinuations and innuendoes."

7 killed in Hong Kong

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the company offered to assist the probe.

After a failed first attempt, a five-metre (15-foot) floating crane removed the plane from the crash site in Hong Kong's scenic harbour by this evening.

Civil Aviation Department spokesman Alex Wong said investigators hoped to retrieve the flight recorders once the wreckage could be moved to a suitable place for examination.

Navy divers, a small flotilla of rescue craft and five Air Force helicopters worked to ferry the injured to safety. Fire trucks crowded the airport runway and sprayed the plane with foam.

Officials also said rescuers saved at least two people who were trapped inside the fuselage after the crash.

Tsui said one of the jet engines was on fire when rescue teams arrived but did not elaborate.

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Millions facing hunger in Sudan

DUBLIN, Aug. 31. (AP) — An Irish relief worker said today that millions of people in Sudan face death from starvation and the civil war raging in the southern part of the country.

The Rev. Angus Finucane, director of the Dublin-based aid agency Concern, called for a "rush of food to regions of the country made inaccessible by war."

"Two million people are facing death from the ravages of war and starvation," Finucane said at Dublin airport after returning from a two-week visit to Khartoum.

Trains carrying thousands of "living skeletons" were arriving in the north every few days, he said, and hundreds of others trekked on foot to refugee camps.

"I saw people there just about as bad as anyone can be and still be alive," Finucane said. "Families had walked, sometimes for three weeks, rested a day or two, walked onwards and were collapsing into some of the camps."

The refugees gave accounts of "the huge numbers they were leaving behind," he said.

Deaths

About 40 people per day were dying at refugee camps at El Meriam, 800 km from Khartoum, he said.

Finucane, whose agency has 34 aid workers in Sudan, said many famine victims come to Khartoum by train from Bahr El-Ghazal province, especially from the area around the town of Awel.

"Many fail to get on the trains. Several cases of people, especially children, being killed by falling from the moving trains are reported," he said.

In Khartoum on Tuesday, the Union of Sudanese African Parties issued a statement that Sudanese fleeing the civil war were dying of starvation on their long journeys north.

"I would not say by the thousands, but they are dying," a spokesman in Sudan told the Associated Press.



Salim Al Hoss

Lebanese premier in hospital

BEIRUT, Aug. 31. (AP) — Acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss, an American-educated moderate politician, was rushed to the American University Hospital in West Beirut today after a severe asthma attack.

An attending doctor said at midday Hoss, 58, was admitted to the intensive care unit at dawn, but that "he is much better now."

"He is recovering quickly," the doctor said, refusing to speculate on how long Hoss, a Sunni Muslim, would remain in the ICU.

Hoss has a doctorate in economics and business administration from the University of Indiana. An advocate of Christian-Muslim co-existence, he is married to a Christian, Layla Pharaon.

The Labour Minister, Hoss became acting Prime Minister in June 1987, when Prime Minister Rashid Karami was killed in an explosion aboard an Army helicopter that was carrying him to Beirut from north Lebanon.

Hoss was scheduled to hold a news conference Thursday to elaborate on a political deadlock that has prevented the election of a new Lebanese president.

President Amin Gemayel's six-year term expires on Sept. 23. Christian parliament members boycotted an Aug. 18 election session because the only candidate was former President Suleiman Franjeh, a Maronite Catholic who was in office when the civil war broke out in 1975.

A staunch ally of Syria, Franjeh requested Syrian military intervention in 1976. Christian militias, backed by Israel, are violently opposed to Syria.

Regime under pressure to surrender power

Burmese asked to stop work

RANGOON, Aug. 31. (Reuters) — Demonstrators called for a national stoppage and mass rallies through Rangoon tomorrow, tightening the screw on socialist leaders to surrender power.

The call was made as veteran politicians tried to unite and shape the amorphous nationwide opposition demanding an immediate end to the 26-year one-party state.

The demand for a total stoppage, in a country already paralysed by widespread strikes, was broadcast by loudspeaker vans touring the capital.

Diplomats said this would heap more pressure on the beleaguered Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP), which is clinging to a timetable for political reform starting with an emergency party congress in two weeks.

They said rumours of impending military intervention were rife in the city, where residents sift for reliable information from wall posters, leaflets, official newspapers and unsorted statements.

Inroads

"The opposition is making such inroads that if there is going to be a move to stamp it out it will probably come soon rather than later," one said.

He said the period up to tomorrow's strike could be crucial, but there had been no major troop movements detected in or around the capital since the Army pulled out last Wednesday following the end of martial law.

A group of elder statesmen, including the President, Prime Minister and house speaker from the last elected government, has formed to try to unite and direct the "people power" opposition to create an interim government leading to democracy.

Students, government workers, including employees of the Foreign Ministry, and other sectors have also hastily formed associations all demanding an end to repressive one-party rule.

But no one ruled out the possibility that the old soldiers who have presided over the country of 38 million for a generation might still flex their military muscle one more time to reassert control.

Army

Alternatives included a "phony coup" in which the BSPP leadership called back the military to subdue the people, or a genuine takeover by a faction ousting the hardliners and opening the way to a multi-party democracy.

"The soldiers might just come back on the streets again and then they would have to shoot a lot more than they did three weeks ago," said one Western diplomat.

Burma's first Prime Minister after independence said today that a majority of the Army — seen as pivotal in the popular revolt against single-party socialist rule — is not against the people.

"From reports from some of my friends quite a lot of them (the Army) are not anti-people — the majority," 81-year-old U Nu said in an interview.

U Nu was Burma's first Prime Minister after independence from Britain in 1948 and the last before strongman Ne Win seized power in 1962.

He heads the League for Democracy and Peace, an alliance of veteran politicians seeking democracy, formed during the current popular uprising against the iron rule of the Burma Socialist Programme Party.

Soyuz crew links up with MIR station

MOSCOW, Aug. 31. (UPI) — Two Soviet cosmonauts and their Afghan guest today joined two other cosmonauts aboard MIR space station 49 hours after blasting off from the Baikonur centre, the Tass news agency said.

"The international Soviet-Afghan crew consisting of Vladimir Lyakhov, Valery Polyakov and Afghan research cosmonaut Abdul Ahad Mohmand moved from the Soyuz TM-6 space ship to the Soviet long-duration research complex MIR," Tass said.

The Soyuz rocket docked at the space station, 49 hours after liftoff Monday morning, the news agency said.

The space voyagers "were welcomed by Vladimir Titov and Musa Manarov," who blasted off on Dec. 21 last year in an attempt to break the 326-day world endurance record, set in 1987 by Yuri Romanenko.

Of the three visiting spacemen, Polyakov, a physician, will remain aboard the space station, while Lyakhov and Mohmand fly back leaving the doctor to monitor the health of the long-time MIR occupants as they zero in on the space endurance record.

The US endurance record is 178 days, set in 1978 aboard the Skylab space station, which later disintegrated on re-entry into the earth's atmosphere.

The presence of the doctor in the final stages of an endurance flight is a new modification in the Soviet programme.

"A distinguishing feature of the medico-biological experiments to be performed during the joint flight is direct participation of a researcher physician in them," Tass said.

"The cosmonauts are to carry out a large amount of visual observation and photography of the territory of Afghanistan."

Soviets accused of violating accords

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (AP) — The United States has accused the Soviet Union of violating an Afghan-Soviet accord by using Soviet-based aircraft in bombings against mujahideen guerrillas there.

The United States also is concerned about the redeployment of Soviet artillery in support of government forces fighting for control of the northern Afghan city of Kanduz, said State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley.

"The Soviets recently withdrew from Kanduz, about 50 kilometres from the Soviet border, as part of a 50-per cent reduction in the Soviet presence in compliance with the Geneva accords," she said.

Red Army artillery forces later arrived from elsewhere in Afghanistan to bolster government forces in Kanduz, Oakley said.

The Soviets are to complete the withdrawal by Feb. 15, 1989, under the agreement signed last April by the United Nations, Pakistan, Afghanistan and co-guaranteed by both superpowers.

The Soviets appear to be using airplanes based inside the Soviet Union to carry out the aerial bombardments around Kanduz city in support of the ground forces, Mrs Oakley said.

"In our view, the use of the Soviet aircraft coming from inside the Soviet Union is a violation of the Geneva accords," she said.

The redeployment of Soviet troops from other parts of Afghanistan to Kanduz is not viewed as violation, Mrs Oakley added.

The pact which brings about an end to more than eight years of Soviet occupation is not in any danger of unravelling, she said.

"We fully expect the Soviet Union to adhere to the Geneva accords," she said.

The United States has "raised the issue of Soviet compliance" with the UN good offices mission, which monitors the Geneva agreement.

Four Indians killed in refinery fire

NEW DELHI, Aug. 31. (AP) — Fire engulfed a massive oil refinery in northern India on Tuesday, killing at least four people and seriously injuring five, the federal minister for petroleum said.

Among the dead was an engineer working with the Indian Oil Corporation, India's largest oil company, Brahm Dutt told parliament. He said a day labourer also was killed, but did not identify the other victims.

The injured were hospitalised with serious burns, Indian news agencies reported.

The fire broke out at the oil refinery at Mathura at a railway siding where wagons were being loaded with Naphtha, a volatile, oily liquid used as fuel and solvent, Dutt said. Mathura is 130 kilometres south of New Delhi.

An investigation has been ordered to determine what caused the fire.

The blaze was brought under control within four hours, Indian Oil Corporation chief K.L. Khosla told the United News of India news agency.

Indians intensify anti-Tamil sweep

COLOMBO, Aug. 31. (Reuters) — Indian soldiers are fighting fierce battles with Tamil guerrillas in an intensified anti-rebel sweep of Sri Lanka's northern jungles, military sources said today.

The sources and Tamil rebels said "Operation Checkmate," which began in May, was intensified in mid-August in the Wanni jungles straddling Vavuniya and Mullaitivu districts in the northeast.

"There's a ding-dong battle going on in that area. The idea of checkmate is to capture the LTTE leadership," said a senior military official.

Pact

The separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) said last week that checkmate had entered a new phase to wipe out its leaders and that fighting had been raging on many jungle fronts.

Indian military reports indicated at least 29 rebels were killed and 19 injured in August in the Wanni. At least 13 Indian soldiers were killed and eight wounded.

The Tigers fled to Wanni after being driven out of their main

base in Jaffna, the peninsula north of the jungles, in a bloody battle last October which followed rebel repudiation of an Indo-Sri Lankan pact.

Signed in July 1987, the pact aims to end the ethnic conflict which has claimed about 9,000 lives.

About 52,000 Indian soldiers were sent to the north and east to enforce the accord, which provides for creation of semi-autonomous provincial councils throughout the island.

About 20,000 soldiers are estimated to be involved in the Wanni operation.

They first went deep into the jungles in May in search of Tiger guerrillas gone to ground in a network of tunnels and heavily fortified camps.

Political observers said operations were stepped-up after Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi indicated in early August that India was getting tired of negotiating with the LTTE.

"The present phase is apparently to capture the leadership so that India can have a better bargaining power," a senior military official said.

Newspaper closed

CAIRO, Aug. 31. (Reuters) — Egypt has decided to shut down an opposition newspaper that had earlier come under official attack for criticising an Arab ally, Cairo dailies reported today.

General Abdel Raouf Abdel Rahman, deputy governor of Cairo, has ordered the disbandment of the Friends of Arab Media Club, which sponsored the Nasserite weekly Sawt Al Arab, the semi-official papers reported.

The decision was made in part because the newspaper had engaged in political activities violating the club's charter, the paper said. Financial offences were also cited.

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Kuwait will continue to work for lasting Gulf peace

KUWAIT will continue to play an active role to ensure a lasting peace in the Gulf region, a senior Kuwaiti official said.

In an exclusive interview with the Chinese News Agency (Xinhua) yesterday, Kuwait's Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Majed Al Shaheen said Kuwait, as a member of the United Nations and part and parcel of the Gulf region, finds itself obliged to play a role in finding an enduring, peaceful solution to the Iran-Iraq conflict.

"We will continue our active role by making direct contacts with both Iraq and Iran, and with all those countries which can participate in establishing lasting peace in the region," he said.

Navigation
Stressing the vital importance of the Gulf waterway, Shaheen said that many powers worked to keep the waterway open and safe for navigation even though



Al Shaheen

about 540 ships were hit during the last six or seven years.

He noted that Kuwait recognises the role of many international powers who helped Kuwait sweep for mines, estab-

lish communications and facilitate free navigation.

He expressed the hope that Iran and Iraq, while starting negotiations to settle their disputes, will also tackle the question of navigation in the Gulf waterways.

Relations

Discussing relations between Kuwait and Iran, Shaheen told Xinhua that after the UN-sponsored ceasefire went into effect, Kuwait sent an official to Tehran to prepare to reopen its embassy there.

"We are now preparing to send diplomats to Tehran once they get their visas," he added.

The Kuwaiti Embassy in Tehran was stormed and burned following the Makkah incident during last year's Haj season. The embassy has been closed since then.

"We will be friends and neighbours, as it is the only way to deal

with each other — by cooperation based on mutual respect," Shaheen said.

Reconstruction

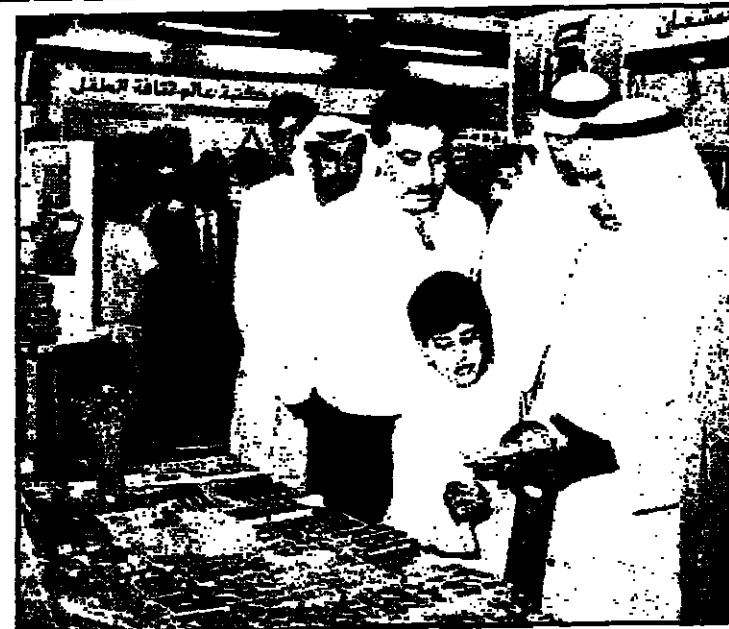
Kuwait always follows the peaceful way to solve problems, he said, adding that the ball is now in the court of the Iranians.

Asked if Kuwait is ready to take part in the post-war reconstruction in Iraq and Iran, Shaheen said that as a member of UN, Kuwait is ready to do its best to help its friends, both Iraq and Iran, in accordance with what the requests.

Actually, Kuwait has already started helping by paying its share of the cost of the UN observers group, he said.

Since 1982, Kuwait has been contacting the Red Cross about facilitating the exchange of prisoners of the Gulf war.

"We are prepared to play that role if we are asked to do so on humanitarian basis," he added.



Al Khodari inspecting one of the exhibits.

Educational Instruments Exhibition opened

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE 4th Educational Instruments Exhibition was opened yesterday by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education Abdul Rahman Al Khodari.

The exhibition will be open until Sept 9.

A wide range of educational aids are available to students at low prices. Companies are displaying their best products, giving parents and children a good opportunity to view the products.

The exhibition, held at the beginning of the academic year,

is popular. Thirty-six companies dealing with stationery items are participating and offering competitive prices.

Computers have caught the imagination of students at various levels of education, including those attending kindergarten.

A computer shop owner attributed popularity of computer section to the students' awareness of computers in their schools.

Computer prices range between KD55 and KD275, he said. Disks are available at low prices, including programmes.

Amir praises UN chief

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 31, (KUNA): HH the Amir of Kuwait has paid tribute to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's "sincere and constructive efforts in solving complex international conflicts."

The Amir, who is the present chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, said he has followed with deep interest Perez de Cuellar's extensive meetings in Geneva.

"This sincere and constructive effort aimed at a world in which peace prevails, merits our thanks, praise and appreciation," the Amir said in a message to Perez de Cuellar.

"With your qualities, you were able to win the trust of the world community and of the parties to these conflicts, and bring them to negotiating tables and reconciliation."

"At your side is a select group of your assistants who believe in what you believe in: love for peace and work, and perseverance throughout its phases."

"In the name of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, I should like to extend to you and the agencies assisting you my sincere thanks and regards, wishing you good health, continued progress and additional contributions to world peace," the Amir said.

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Ramadan briefed Amir on peace talks: Sabah

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed said yesterday Iraqi envoy Taha Yassin Ramadan, who visited Kuwait Tuesday, briefed HH the Amir on the progress of the Iraqi-Iranian peace negotiations in Geneva.

Ramadan, Iraq's First Deputy Premier, also discussed the latest developments in the region after the ceasefire went into effect, he added.

Sheikh Sabah earlier in the day received Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed and State Minister for Service Affairs Issa Al Mazidi, who introduced the newly appointed head of the Civil Aviation Department Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Abdalla.

Later, Sheikh Sabah received Kuwait's Ambassador to London Ghazi Al Rayyes and the Kuwaiti Consul in Bombay Faisal Issa Al Yousef.

Afterward he received Brazil's Ambassador Rimondo Nonato de Castro who is ending his mission in Kuwait.

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Call to clear Gulf of mines

MINES in the Gulf may bring catastrophe to the entire region, according to Abdul Fattah Al Bader, chairman of the Kuwait Oil Tankers Co. (KOTC).

He called on countries who benefit from the Gulf region to clear the waterway of mines.

He also said that any peace accord between Iran and Iraq should contain an agreement to clear the Gulf and provide safe passage for all.

The official stressed that this is an international issue and can be carried out through the United Nations. If everyone co-operates and uses highly advanced equipment, the cleaning process could be completed in one and a half years, he said.

Al Bader announced that KOTC saved as much as \$160 million during the eight years of

war by not insuring its tankers and ships. The annual cost of insurance was estimated between \$20-30 million.

Kuwaiti tankers and ships that were hit during the war were repaired at costs far lower than the amounts that would have been paid by insurance, he added.

Al Bader said the cost of the six new tankers purchased by Kuwait from South Korea was 50 per cent less than the rates prevailing today. He called the purchase "a deal of a life-time."

The Kuwaiti flag was raised yesterday on the first of six tankers called "The Kuwaitiya." It has a capacity of 35,000 tons of oil products. The last of the tankers will be received by the end of December, he said.

Al Bader said KOTC is study-

ing the oil tanker market for the coming 20 years. He predicted there will be "hectic demands" on tankers between 1993-1995 because of a sharp drop in the availability of tankers. He said that KOTC can take advantage of this opportunity if it builds more tankers and makes plans now.

Discussing the end of the Iran-Iraq war, Al Bader said that the first positive result will be a drop in insurance rates on ships and tankers. However, that the operation of oil tankers is linked more closely with oil prices rather than the war situation, he said.

Operations go up the drop in oil prices. Since oil prices are too low now there is an increasing demand and thus more work for oil tankers, Al Bader said.

Ministers to decide on NAM summit venue

FOREIGN ministers of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) members will decide next week whether Indonesia or Nicaragua will host the next NAM summit in 1989, Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas said.

Alatas was quoted yesterday as telling the Kuwaiti News Agency the ministers meeting in Cyprus would also consider proposals to increase the effectiveness of the movement.

Speaking during a stopover in Kuwait on his way to Bangkok from Cairo, Alatas said an end to the Iran-Iraq war would strengthen the movement and Islamic countries.

The last NAM summit in Harare in September 1986 deferred a decision on the site of the next summit to the foreign ministers' meeting in Nicosia next week.

In Amman, Jordanian Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri called for reforms to help the 101-member group regain its position as "a Non-Aligned Movement standing between the world's various conflicting powers."

He told the state-run news agency Petra today Jordan would be one of several countries to push for reform during the Nicosia meeting.

Kittens in car surprise garage workers

WORKERS at one of the car garages in Bahrain were surprised to see three kittens not more than a few days old inside a car brought for repairs.

The garage manager said that the car owner was contacted and informed. But the owner insisted that he had no idea how the kittens got there — or what was to be done with them.

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The fire-fighting school in Sal-

Study on environment

THE director of environment science department at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), Dr Dhari Al Ajmi said that his department plans to study marine, desert and green environments and conduct research on environmental planning.

Studies on marine environments will focus on oil pollution of Kuwait's coasts and its effects on marine life, he said. Studies on desert environments will centre on effects of sandstorms on vital installations and areas as well as controlling their negative effects.

Research on green environments will address air pollution and ways to dispose of solid waste in Kuwait.

Particular attention will be paid to air pollution caused by factories, he said. Mathematical techniques will be used to predict the spreading of poisonous gases at storage places — in case of an error in their control systems.

The studies will be facilitated by the use of KISR's computers, Al Ajmi said.

375,000 families benefitted from Kuwait's aid

AIDA AL SHARIF, director of relief programmes at the Lebanese Hariri charitable organisation said that about 375,000 needy Lebanese families benefitted from Kuwait's aid to Lebanon.

In an interview with a Lebanese daily, she thanked the Kuwaiti government and its people for their valuable support. The aid included sugar, rice, milk, cooking oil, flour and blankets.

The Kuwaiti government contributed 60 buses to Lebanon. Six buses were given to the Army Command, six to the Interior Security Force and 48 to the Lebanese Public Transport Authority, she said.

Al Sanea leads delegation

THE assistant Undersecretary of the Civil Service Commission for Administrative Development Affairs, Dr Naser Al Sanea, left for Hungary to lead a delegation to the International Round-table Conference on Public Administration.

The conference, organised by the International Institute of Administrative Science, will focus on administration without bureaucracy, Al Sanea said.

The four-day conference will be attended by academics and specialists. The bureaucratic style of administration still used in Third World countries has become obsolete due to economic and technological changes in the last few years, the official said.

The conference will study new legislation and systems of public administration used in different countries, he said. The conference will also focus on the use of technology in developing the administrative branches, he said.

French envoy

DEFENCE Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday received the new French ambassador to Kuwait.

Attempts to smuggle narcotics foiled

KUWAIT'S customs officers at the airport foiled several attempts to smuggle narcotics into the country last year, according to the assistant director of Public Customs Authority for airport customs, Abdul Razzak Al Ubaid.

There were 151 attempts to smuggle narcotics into Kuwait last year compared to 144 attempts in 1986. The largest haul came from a Kuwaiti national who tried to smuggle two kilograms of heroin into Kuwait. A Pakistani tried to bring in five kilos of hashish, he said.

The official added that the cus-

French minister to visit Kuwait

PARIS, Aug 31, (KUNA): French Defence Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement will leave here Saturday for Kuwait on a two-day working visit.

A Defence Ministry source told the Kuwait News Agency that Chevenement's visit "is of a political character to assure the prosperous relations between the two countries."

During his stay in Kuwait, Chevenement will be received by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, the source said.

Chevenement will also visit French naval units in the Gulf, the frigate Georges-Leygues and the minesweeper Pegase, the source said.

Life sentence upheld

KUWAIT'S High Appeal Court upheld a life sentence imposed by the Criminal Court on a maid who admitted stabbing another maid to death last September in Rumithiya.

The defendant, identified as T.M., confessed to murdering another maid identified as A.A. The court was told that the accused took a big knife with her to the bedroom she shared with the victim and another maid.

When she was sure her intended victim was asleep, the defendant stabbed the woman in the neck and other parts of her body. She then cut off the victim's head.

The accused told the court that the deceased always acted as a "boss," and told her employers that the defendant was not efficient. On the morning of the incident, the two argued and the defendant claimed that A.A. beat her.

However, she told the court that "it was some evil which played with her mind" that made her kill her colleague. After she killed the victim, the accused washed the knife and her hands, changed her dress and sat in the courtyard.

The Criminal Court sentenced her to life imprisonment with hard labour to be followed by deportation. The public prosecution appealed, asking for the death sentence because the murder was premeditated.

Heavy rainfall reported

HEAVY rainfall was reported at Abdulla and Roudhain on Tuesday afternoon, according to the meteorological department.

This early rainfall was caused by the high density of humidity in the area.

The rain, which started at 4.30 pm, lasted for one hour and caused power outage in the areas.

46pc of drivers have accidents

A SCIENTIFIC study indicates that 46 per cent of drivers in Saudi Arabia have one or more accidents during their lives.

The psychology department of King Saud University in Riyadh, which conducted the research, said that many drivers take extreme risks, do not follow safety conditions and do not abide by traffic rules.

Shops burgled

A NUMBER of shops in Zahra Complex in Salmiya were broken into this week.

Ready-made garment shops, electronic appliance stores and other shops were the targets of the thieves. The glass panels of some of the shops were broken and merchandise and money were stolen.

Police investigations are underway.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received the Somali ambassador to Kuwait who was seeking permission to leave the country of the end of his mission.

Amiri cable

HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the King of Malaysia yesterday on his country's National Day.

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah sent a similar message yesterday to Malaysian Prime Minister Mahatir Bin Mohammad.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday received Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Sheikh Nasser Mohammed, Education Minister and acting Higher Education Minister Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri, Kuwaiti Ambassador to the United States Sheikh Saad Nasser Al Saud, and the head of the Popular Conference for Lebanese Islamic and National Forces Kamal Shattila.

HH also received a number of citizens in the public dhyan.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Amir's speech praised

A KUWAITI weekly magazine yesterday praised the speech of HH the Amir on Namibia's day, saying that it reflects the Amir's support to the causes of oppressed people, particularly those in Namibia, Palestine and others who are fighting to restore their rights.

The weekly added that the Amir's address "hurled the stones of right of these odious regimes."

The weekly considered the Amir's address as a human rights document and said that the Kuwaiti leader's defence of the Namibian peoples right to enjoy freedom and independence under the leadership of its legitimate representative — SWAPO — is a defence of every oppressed people.

The Amir's speech was addressed to the United Nations last Friday on behalf of Kuwait and the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

Iran trying to prolong negotiations

A LOCAL daily yesterday accused Iran of trying to put stumbling blocks in the way of the Geneva talks with its war foe, Iraq, saying that Tehran will not hesitate to push the negotiations into trouble now that the war is over and United Nations' observers have been deployed along the war fronts.

The daily Al Rai Al Aam, in a front-page editorial, said that the thorniest problem of the talks relates to their common borders of the Shatt Al Arab Waterway. The newspaper said that Iran uses this point to prolong negotiations.

The paper said the eight-year-old war has created numerous problems which cannot be resolved in a day or two. The Iranians, who are still trying to justify their acceptance of UN Resolution 598, seem to be trying to wear down the Iraqi negotiating team.

"The war phase has been terminated once and for all and there is no talk of a respite in implementing the ceasefire resolution or getting back to any military activity on land or in the air, but that does not mean that everything is over and scores have been settled and bills have been paid," the newspaper concluded.

Soccer star to quit

SALAH Al Hasawi, the main striker of Al Kuwait Club and the Kuwait National Football Team is retiring, according to Ahmad Al Najdi, secretary general of Al Kuwait Sports Club.

Al Najdi said that the board of directors of the club recently accepted Al Hasawi's request to retire from local and international soccer.

The board tried to persuade the player not to retire, but, realised his need to quit for personal and family reasons.

Al Najdi hinted that one of the reasons Al Hasawi is retiring is the quarrel last season between Al Kuwait and Fahsheel clubs during an Amiri Cup match. Hasawi suffered a head injury in the fight, Al Najdi said.

US envoy

MINISTER of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaimi yesterday received the US Ambassador to Kuwait Wilson N. Howell.

Bilateral relations and regional developments were discussed at the meeting.

Tunisian PM receives Kuwaiti envoy

TUNIS, Aug 31, (KUNA): Tunisian Prime Minister Ali Haddi Al Baccouche last night received the Kuwaiti Ambassador to Tunisia Abdel Muisin Nasser Al Jijan.

Al Jijan told Kuwaiti News Agency (KUNA) that he conveyed greetings from HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to Al Baccouche.

Discussions centred on bilateral relations and issues in Arab and international arenas.

Mazidi meets new envoys

MINISTER of State for Service Affairs Issa Al Mazidi yesterday received Kuwait's newly-appointed Ambassador to Japan Abdel Aziz Al Sharikh, and the new Ambassador to Belgium Ahmad Al Ibrahim.

Al Mazidi discussed means of boosting relations with these countries, especially in civil aviation, air transport and harbours.

Benson & Hedges Management Challenge

THERE is a significant increase in the number of entries in the 1988 Benson & Hedges Management Challenge, according to Mike Arnold, the organiser.

Forty-eight teams have made it to the Country Finals, which will be held in eight locations in the GCC region during September.

In addition to the normally high number entries from banks and large companies, entrants this year include supermarkets, fast food operators, hotel managers and telecommunications companies.

During September, organisers will visit eight cities in the Gulf to run the competitions and announce the Country Winners in each location.

Each competing team in the Country Finals will be given the opportunity to manage the computer-simulated development of a business operation and to steer the project in hand to greater success — keeping one step ahead of their competitors.

The Grand Finals in November will be in Malaysia and for the first time, each finalist will receive a gold medal.

Additionally, eventual winners will receive a portfolio of the gold shares worth \$10,000 (for each member of the winning team) a Benson & Hedges Gold Medal of 22ct Gold and a Benson & Hedges Management Challenge Award for the company represented by the winning team.

The Indian School, Kuwait (Pre-primary branch, Salmiya)

The Pre-primary branch of the Indian School at Salmiya will re-open on Saturday, 17th September '88, at the usual time, instead of 4th September '88, due to repairs & renovation of the school building. Parents are requested to note the changed date.

DIRECTOR

Fires at homes caused by careless use of electricity

RESIDENTS should adopt safer storing methods and regularly check electric installations, said Lt Nabil Al Hisainan and Lt Adnan Al Rashid of the Public Department for Fire Fighting.

Fires in homes are generally due to careless use of electricity and flammable materials. They said unsafe storage methods are also responsible for accidents.

An average of 250 to 300 accidents, big and small, are reported to the department every month.

In the winter, most of these occur in homes, while during the summer months, accidents are more common in industrial areas. Traffic and Coast Guard accidents make up the remainder.

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miya offers training courses for all new firemen. It is also responsible for informing the public about the basics of fire-fighting.

Of the fire-extinguishers in use today, the best is the BCF, Al Hisainan and Al Rashid said. The BCFs are small and easier to handle around the home or in a car. They are also relatively inexpensive.

The main problem faced by Kuwait's fire stations is communication, they said. Delays in notifying the station can be harmful, especially in the case of fires, where every minute counts.

Fire engine drivers complained about the traffic on the roads, which makes it difficult for them to reach their destination quickly. Crowds of spectators can also get in the way.

EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.
Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.
Tarek Rajab Museum
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic art, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

SOCIAL

Kuwait Goons
Beat Show
The Kuwait Goons Beat Show will be held on Oct 14, 3.30 pm, at the IAC, Fumaites. The four-hour show will feature six popular groups - City Limits, 5th Avenue, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones and Top Ranks.

Welcome Back To Kuwait
The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back to Kuwait" dance party at the Messiah Beach hotel on Sept 29, at 8 pm. Music by the Sounds Great bands. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

Country Western Musical
The American Community Theatre is rounding up singers, dancers and musicians for their annual Country and Western musical, to be held at the end of September. Interested talents, contact Nancy Parker 2523911 ext. 2346, 5725071 (evenings) or Nola Anderson 2428366.

Sounds Great
Auditions will be held on Sept 15-17 for singers and dancers for the next Sounds Great show, to be held at the Salmiyah cinema on Oct 19-22. For details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870. Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 18. The ball will feature a variety of entertainment, including a selection of the "Queen of Queens" Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will be in attendance. For reservations, contact J D'Sa at 2450279, 3981790, 3924659.

Indian Ballet
Narhana, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs Pramela Surendran, will stage a ballet, Panchavadi, and a number of Nrithaslipas at its annual show, Nrithaslipas, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept 22 at 7.00 pm. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, call 4337608.

Varca Sporting Centre
Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent SAS hotel on Sept 22 at 8.00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. For

reservations and further details, contact Roland 2430581 or James 5331940.

HOTELS

At the Ramada
Le Mirage Night Club
Thursday night barbecue, full buffet and entertainment by the Al Arz band. Al Bender coffee shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to midnight; a la carte available. Al Gandou Grill Garden, open 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties. The Open Garden has a selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Arguilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day. Open every day 7 pm to 11 pm.

Fish and Chips shop open from 4 pm to 11 pm nightly. Take away counter, open daily 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, from 4 pm to 11 pm daily.

At the Hilton
Weekend entertainment at the Hilton includes a mini barbecue on Friday by the garden pool for you and your family. Enjoy fresh salads, charcoal grilled steaks, skewered meat, chicken and other items. Or you can enjoy a leisurely lunch on Friday at La Palma Restaurant and treat yourself to a variety of dishes, salads and desserts while listening to music played by the Magnetic Quartet. The lunch buffet is open from 12 noon to 3 pm. La Patisserie is promoting kiwi fruit. Kiwi cakes, meringue pies, cheese cakes, juices and other items are offered in addition to cold drinks, cocktails and ice cream creations. Open from 10.30 am to 10.45 pm.

At the Kuwait Plaza
The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini-business lunch. Ice-cream festival at the International Food Arcade, 4 to 10 pm; light snacks also available; open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm. Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday.

At the Messiah Beach
Al Mubarakiyah restaurant, open 24 hours, offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a variety of snacks. On Friday, a special buffet "A Go-Go" is offered.

At the Holiday Inn
One of the most popular places for dining is the Al Andalus Night Club. Dance on the glass dance floor and enjoy food and entertainment. Join the Friday brunch and enjoy real entertainment from 11 am to 3 pm. Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes are offered daily at the Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are an ideal place to relax with friends.

At the Sheraton
Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo's is closed for lunch on Fridays.

Al Hambra features a brunch buffet on Fridays, night. The Marcus Band provides live entertainment.

Every Thursday dine in a typical Lebanese atmosphere in Le Tarbouche. Special lunch and dinner buffets are offered to patrons of Le Tarbouche on Friday.

The Coffee Shop offers a large variety of international cuisine including a daily special. Experience Italian hospitality in the Riccardo Restaurant with live entertainment by the Sienna Duo. The Riccardo is closed for lunch on Friday.

At the Continental
The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food at dinner on Thursday and at lunch on Friday.

The Darbar offers lunch buffet every Thursday. A la carte for dinner.

SPORTS

IVth Winners Cup
The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

PSAK Meeting
The officers of the Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait will hold a meeting on Monday, Sept 5, at Far East Restaurant at 7.45 pm sharp. Topics to be discussed include forthcoming PSAK inter-commercial bowling tournament to be held on Sept 9 at 300 Club at 9 am. Revised rules and regulations will be distributed to all team captains. Fees must be settled. All team captains are requested to attend the meeting. For details contact PSAK Director Sarah Macarimbang Tel: 4843447.

Masters Bowling Tournament
Semi-finals and final rounds for the Masters tournament for men and women will be held on Thursday, 6.30 pm, Sept. 1, and Friday, 9 am, Sept. 2. Forty-eight top bowlers will play in the men's division on Thursday. Eight players will play in the women's division on Friday. All qualifiers must come on Thursday at 3.00 Club, behind US Embassy.

Sabah Trophy Meeting
The Sabah Cricket Tournament's organising committee will hold a general meeting on Sept 1, 7.30 pm, at Ala Restaurant, Sharq. All participating teams are requested to attend. For details phone Naseem Khurshid - 4815077 ext. 513.

Salcette United
The Salcette United Sports Centre will hold their third annual Gold Cup Football Tournament starting Sept 9. Those interested may contact Peter 2434415 or Mariano 4744150 after 5 pm, before Sept 1. The draw will be held on Sept 2 at 9 am, at the Phoenixia hotel.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Good Morning
9.30 Space Adventure: cartoon serial
10.15 8 Harat Al Bahar: daily serial
11.00 News Summary followed by songs and music.
11.15 Al Raheel Sabayya: local serial. Starring: Khalid Al Nafisi, Suad Abdullah, Ghanem Al Saleh, Maryam Al Saleh, Ali Buraiki.

12.00 News Summary
12.15 Cultural Film
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite

1.40 Araq Al Daliyah: Arabic series.
3.35 Heidi: cartoons
4.15 The Saint: featuring Roger Moore
5.00 Liqa Al Khamis: weekly roundup of local events.
7.15 Al Furoosiya Wal Zaman:
7.45 With Islam
8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab: Arabic serial
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Khayoot Al Ankaboot: Arabic feature film, starring Mahmoud Yassin, Noora Raghda, Omar Al Harairi, Majdi Wahba
12.45 Aghniya Mukhtara: variety show
1.30 News Summary
1.35 World News via Satellite/Holy Qur

ran/Closedown
FRIDAY
9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
9.30 Space Adventures: cartoon serial
10.15 Al Saif Maskoud: weekly serial for children, featuring Abdul Aziz Haddad, Ahmad Hazim, Ali Mufeedi, Awatif Mohamoud.
10.45 Al Kalimah Tayyiba: religious programme
11.15 Friday Prayer
12.25 Al Rida Wal Noor: religious show
1.35 INTERVAL
2.00 Songs and Music
2.30 Hadith Deeni: weekly religious talk by Sheikh Mohamud Mutwalli Sharawi
3.30 Hikayat Hub: Arabic feature film, starring



Tour of Duty, 10.30 pm on Friday, KTV 2.



Married Dora, comedy, at 9.30 pm, KTV 2 tonight.

Abdul Halim Hafez, Maryam Fakhrudin, Abdul Salam Nablusi, Mahmood Mijai

5.45 Cartoons
7.00 Kuwait in a Week
7.30 Islamic Art in Morocco, prepared and presented by Adnan Al Ramhi
8.30 KTV Programmes Preview
9.00 News in Arabic
9.30 Wrestling
10.50 Naseeb: weekly local serial, starring: Abdullah Hubail, Maryam Saleh, Mohammad Jaber, Khalil Ismail.
12.00 News Summary, followed by Holy Quran and Closedown.

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon series
6.30 Sesame Street: scientific, educational and recreational programme for children.
7.30 Full House: "Our Very First Promo." The family takes on the responsibility of making a film with humorous consequences.
8.00 News in English
8.40 High Mountain Rangers: "A Holy Place to Live." Several campers are trapped after an earthquake in southern Idaho and the rangers form a rescue team.
9.30 Married Dora:



"Our Very First Promo," Full House, 7.30 pm tonight.

"Where There's A Will..." Peter's unfounded fears of death cause concern among the family.
10.00 The Hit Squad: practical jokes, intrigues and sneaky hits captured through the hidden camera.
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Missing Children: A Mother's Story." Starring: Marie Winingham, Polly Holliday.
12.00 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown
2.00 Holy Quran
2.10 Cartoons
2.30 Sports Studio
6.00 Foo Fur
6.30 Walt Disney Film
7.30 The Bay City Rollers Show: songs, hu-

morous discussions and a short story for children
8.00 News in English
8.30 Summer '88
8.40 "Once a Hero": pilot episode of new series about the tug of war between good and evil revolving around Captain Justice who fights Black Jack.
9.30 227: Sandra's mother pays an unexpected visit. Comedy.
10.00 Guinness Records.
10.30 Tour of Duty: "Brothers, Fathers." A look at the problem of orphans.
11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown



Sandra's mother pays an unexpected visit, Flat 227, Friday's comedy feature at 9.30 pm on KTV 2.

Language Extra on BBC

WHY does a newsreader speak more slowly than a racing-commentator? Which of the two do you find more intelligible? And would it surprise you to learn that you can probably read at twice the speed at which the racing-commentator speaks? Joining writer, broadcaster and English language teacher Francis Halliwell in the first of six programmes on BBC World Service on aspects of language are Michael Jackson, director of the Hospital for Speech Sciences in London, and Klaus Kohler, a phonetician from

Kiel University in Germany. (Sept 5).

As we go through life we're called by a variety of unofficial names. Special intimate names might be used within families, or between close friends, but there are a host of other names used by people we meet - sir, madam... Guest Leslie Dunkling has unearthed 17,000 different terms of address. (Sept 19).

Language Extra can be heard on BBC on Mondays 2115 GMT, rep. Tuesdays, 0145, 0703 GMT.

PRAYERS

Fajr 4.03 am
Zuhr 11.47
Asr 3.20 pm
Maghreb 6.09
Isha 7.28
FRIDAY
Fajr 4.04 am
Zuhr 11.47
Asr 3.20 pm
Maghreb 6.08
Isha 7.27

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Jahra Pharmacy
Fahd Al Salem St.
Al Hakim Pharmacy
Jaber Al Mubarak St., Sharq.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Kamal Pharmacy
Tunis St., Hawalli
Salamiya and Rumeithiya
Al Maidan Pharmacy
Haroun Al Rashid Bldg., Baghdad St.
Fahad and Ahmadi
Al Wafa Pharmacy
Dabbous Palace, Dabbous St., Fheel
Khalifa
Khalifa Pharmacy
Ibrahim Bin Adham St.
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafa St.

FRIDAY
Kuwait
Al Ajel Pharmacy
Adnan Abdul Aziz Bldg., Palestine St., Mubarakiah
Al Loola Pharmacy
nr. Damsan Complex, Jaber Al Mubarak St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Hawalli Pharmacy
Tunis St., Hawalli
Salamiya and Rumeithiya
Al Quds Pharmacy
Abdul Karim Maz Al Bldg., Amman St.
Fahad and Ahmadi
Al Badiya Pharmacy
Mohammad Jassim Dabbous Bldg., Dabbous St.
Farwaniya
Al Jazira Pharmacy
Hmoud Sanwan Rashidi Bldg., Main St.
Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
New Market

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Action Jackson
Starring: Carol Wades
Al Sabaiya
Roller Boogie
Starring: Linda Blair
Al Hamra
Rambo III
Starring: Sylvester Stallone
Drive-in
Al Kamasha (Arabic)
Starring: Mahmood Yassin, Bosi, Shwekar
Al Firdous
Kali Ghata (Hindi)
Starring: Shashi Kapoor, Rekha
Fahad Open-Air
Mant Ki Ladai (Hindi)
Al Fahad
Chand Suraj (Bengali)
Al Jahra
Asdiqah Al Shaitan
(Arabic)
Granada
The Running Man
Sulabikhat
Ponnu (Malayalam)
Al Jleeb
Shiv Shakti (Hindi)
Ahmadi Drive-in
Darb Al Jad'an (Arabic)
FRIDAY
Al Jahra
Puma Man
Granada
Sheri (Hindi)
Sulabikhat
Cherry 2000
Al Jleeb
Zulm Ki Zanjeer (Hindi)

Secrets of the Lens

BRITISH photographers share the secrets and skills of their medium in a series of new programmes on BBC's World Service this month. BBC is also holding a photographic competition to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the invention of photography. The presenter of BBC's Mastering Photography is Colin Ford, keeper of Britain's National Museum of Photography, Film and Television. In the first of four programmes Colin talks to Lord Snowdon (family occasions), Heather Angel (animals and flowers), Earmon McCabe (sport and topical events) and Fay Godwin (landscape). The subject of the competition is simply "Home" - it's up to you to interpret the meaning or the spirit of that word in as wide a sense as you like. The judges won't be looking for the most technically advanced photograph, but for the one which most successfully captures the essence of home. The first prize is the latest in sophisticated and computerised cameras with accessories, and there are also two other prizes to be won. The results will be announced next spring. For entry forms and full details of the rules of the competition, write to Mastering Photography, BBC Bush House, Aldwych, London WC2B 4PH.



'The Christening of Prince Henry of Wales' by Lord Snowdon. His portraits reveal the character of their sitters rather than of Snowdon himself.

FOR SALE

1. A beautiful four-bedroom bungalow, posh area, Ganganagar, Bangalore.
2. About ten acres developed farm on National Highway No.7, 35 km from Bangalore city. Contact: Mr Abraham, 2447481 (Kuwait).

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1100 Country and Western
1200 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Alan Al Naghm: Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Arabic Songs and Music
1800 Party Music
1900 Songs and Heard
2000 Party Music
2130 News
2145 Party Music
0200 Closedown

FRIDAY
0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1100 Country and Western
1200 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News on FM
1340 Easy Listening
1300 Classical Hour
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Arabic Instrumental Music
1800 Pops
1900 International Top 20
2000 News
2145 Pops
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Listening

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newscast
30 Filler Archies
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Waveguide
40 Book Choice
45 Society Today
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 Churchill the Historian (ex 22nd and 29th Legacy of the Sixties)
0300 World News
09 News about Britain

RADIO PROGRAMMES

15 The World Today
30 The Cross and the Crescent (ex 29th Every Poem as Epitaph)
0400 Newscast
30 Sportsweek (ex 1st and 8th Classical Record Review)
45 Reflections
30 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 People's Choice
45 The World Today
0600 Newscast
30 Time for Verse
45 The Farming World
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Just Plain Madness (ex 1st and 8th Guitar Workshop)
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Country Style (ex 15th Sportsweek)
30 John Peel
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sport
45 Society Today (ex 22nd and 29th Sportsweek)

1000 News Summary followed by Churchill the Historian (ex 22nd and 29th Legacy of the Sixties)
30 Filler Archies
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 New Ideas
25 Book Choice
30 Citizens
1200 Radio Newscast
15 Multitrack 2
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Network UK (ex 22nd and 29th Sportsweek)
45 Folk in Britain (ex 8th and 22nd Jazz Scene UK)
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
45 Write On...
1500 Radio Newscast
15 The Pleasure's Yours
1600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Churchill the Historian (ex

22nd and 29th Legacy of the Sixties)
0400 Newscast
30 The World Today
09 Commentary
15 Citizens
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newscast
30 Discovery (ex 1st The Pop Science Programme)
1900 Outlook, opening with News summary
30 Stock Market Report
45 Hilda's Humpty (ex 22nd and 29th Sportsweek)
2000 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Meridian
2100 News Summary followed by Talking From...
15 A Jolly Good Show
2200 World News
09 The World Today
25 Book Choice
30 Financial News
45 Reflections
45 Sports Roundup
2300 World News
09 Commentary
15 Seven Seas
30 Time for Verse
45 The Farming World

Friday
0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newscast
30 Music Now
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Folk in Britain (ex 9th and 23rd Jazz Scene UK)
45 Talking From...
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Health Matters (ex 30th Tech Talk)
30 Citizens
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
45 The Village Chart Show
0400 Newscast
30 Country Style (ex 22nd and 22nd Jazz Scene UK)
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
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09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Mastering Photography (ex 2nd Three Wishes)

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15 (2nd only) Outlook, opening with News Summary
30 Stock Market Report (ex 2nd Outlook contd)
45 2nd Outlook contd; 9th and 10th Personal View; 23rd and 30th Sportsweek)
56 (2nd only) Stock Market Report
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09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Science in Action
2100 News Summary followed by Network UK
15 Europe's World
30 Business Matters
45 Where Angels Fear to Tread (ex 23rd and 30th Maligni Days)
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Morning
0800 Opening
0805 Songs and Music
0820 Spirit of Islam
0830 Songs and Music
0840 News
0845 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Pop International
0930 Your Kind of Music
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1030 The Hit Makers
1100 Closedown
1330 News on FM Service
Evening
2100 Opening
2102 Songs and Music
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 Understanding the Holy Quran
2215 Sounds of the Eighties
2245 Daily Programme
2300 The Way You Like It
2330 Star Tracks
2400 Closedown
Urdu
1900 Opening
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1916 Programme Preview
1920 News
1935 Press Report
1940 News
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Radio Magazine
2100 Closedown

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE man who listens to reason is lost. Reason enslaves all whose minds are not strong enough to master her — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born playwright (1856-1950).

Severing ties with West Bank

King Hussein made a clever move

By Joseph C. Harsch

WASHINGTON: In chess a normal early move is to "castle," a special move that puts the king into a right — or left-hand corner in a powerful defensive position. In Palestine King Hussein of Jordan improved his defences in a similar manner.

He, like everyone else who watches the complex Middle East situation, has seen the gradual buildup in Israel of an idea about a way to escape from its demographic dilemma. Israel wants the West Bank and Gaza, but dare not move to annex those territories with their 1,659,000 Arabs. To do so, and grant citizenship to those Arabs (which annexation implies), would bring startlingly near the time when Arabs would outnumber Jews in Israel.

There are about 700,000 Arabs in the present state of Israel. Add those to the Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza and there would then be 2,360,000 Arabs, which is getting close to the total number of Jews in those combined territories.

Officially there are about 3.5 million Jews in Israel proper and 50,000 to 60,000 more in the occupied territories. But at least 400,000 of the Jews officially counted in Israel actually live in the United States. Also, more Jews have been leaving Israel than arriving there.

Outnumber
If Israel were to grant citizenship to all the Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza, with their high birthrate, they would outnumber the Jews by the end of the century, if not sooner.

How can Israel have the lands without the people?
So long as Hussein claimed the West Bank, which was ruled as part of the Kingdom of Jordan from 1948 until 1967, and continued to treat its Arab citizens as citizens of Jordan, the Israelis could claim that Palestinians deported from the West Bank to

Jordan were not being transported to a foreign country (illegal under international law) but merely being moved from one part of their country to another.

Israel calls Jordan a "Palestinian" state. Its propaganda increasingly plays with the idea that the Palestinians already have a state of their own in Jordan. The demand has long been strong among radical Zionists for the "transfer" of a substantial number of West Bank and Gaza Arabs out of those territories, thus clearing the way for Israel to take it all. The idea has been pushed for some time among pro-Israeli Americans.

The King's move puts a barrier in the way of any such solution to the problem of the Palestinian Arabs. The King identifies the West Bank and Gaza as being a separate place inhabited by a separate people. They have been asserting their independence and their separate identity for nine months now, by fighting for it in the streets, and dying for it daily, at the hands of Israeli soldiers.

Government
The King proposes that these self-identified Palestinians now form a provisional government of their own in exile. He will be happy to let that government reside in Jordan if it wishes. But he wants a truly Palestinian (West Bank and Gaza) political organization to speak for the Palestinians. He himself will not in the future negotiate for them.

This puts an end to the idea long held in Washington that they would negotiate over the West Bank and Gaza with Hussein, who might, in return for past and future American "benevolence," be willing to settle for terms less favourable to the Palestinians than they themselves would expect.

But it also takes away from Israel the argument that they could deport a lot of Arabs to Jordan without being in overt violation of international law. The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Treatment delayed is disease aggravated

SIR: This refers to a study by the director of the Amiri Hospital, Dr Abdi Al Ghanim, as reported in Arab Times of July 12. The study indicated that out of the 1,600 patients who responded to a questionnaire, 50 per cent complained of "a very long" wait to see their doctor. The delay may be due to the long wait — weeks or months — for an appointment with a doctor or waiting for hours on the appointed day.

Following the familiar proverb that "justice delayed is justice denied," it can be said in the relevant context that "treatment delayed is disease aggravated and agony prolonged." Rather in certain circumstances it might even amount to treatment denied.

I am not sure whether this situation is due to a shortage of qualified doctors. Whatever be the reasons, the wait means getting inadequate attention from the doctor.

As in the case of many other people, I have had several experiences, of which I refer to one or two to illustrate the point.

On June 20, I went, by appointment, to the out-

patient department of Ibn Sina Eye Hospital. After a wait of four hours, my turn came at 12.00 noon. My eyes were dilated, drops being put every 10-15 minutes, whereas I am told by a very qualified and experienced eye specialist that this interval should be 30-45 minutes for desired results. Apparently the time factor was a constraint, as the OPD closes at 1 pm.

The doctor concerned examined, in a hurry again, and in a rather rough manner and I was dismissed in a few minutes with a long wait again.

I was not the only sufferer. I could see there were many others around, several of them hovering around the door of the doctors' chambers, exhausted by hours of waiting, the appointment itself having materialised after weeks.

A similar situation prevails, by and large, at the out-patient department of the Amiri Hospital.

However, I would like to contrast the situation with at least one medical institution, namely, the Dental Centre of the Amiri Hospital. At the Dental Centre's endodontic department, where I had my last

appointment on Feb 15, I was able to get treatment practically at the appointed time.

Indeed, this system of making patients visit at an appointed time eliminates crowding and helps patients to adjust their other engagements.

Most patients work during the day and it would certainly be appreciated if they are spared the long wait and other discomforts. If the Dental Centre can manage to maintain appointments others should be able to do so and a similar system should be introduced at other medical institutions.

Dr A. Halder, Falha.

No rules broken

SIR: This refers to the appeal by Kerala Chief Minister E. K. Nayanar seeking contributions for the people affected by the Perumon train crash.

Some members of the Indian community in Kuwait with the help of two opposition members of the Kerala assembly launched a propaganda campaign against the appeal. The propaganda campaign helped only to create misunderstanding among the Indians.

The opposition says that the contribution to the distress

relief fund is unconstitutional and illegal.

But, according to the inquiries I made, it is clear that the chief minister broke no rules. In fact, the Indian government and the Reserve Bank of India welcome foreign money which is sent legally.

Teena Merin Sam, Safat.

Mischievous comments

SIR: The comments of the Regional Director of Air India for the Middle East, S. Ranga Rao (AT, Aug 24) regarding direct flight to Goa is mischievous and prejudiced against the Goan community and its neighbours. Or is Rao telling us that the nationalisation of the airline has brought its efficiency to such a low point that at current level it requires 80 per cent average occupancy throughout the year for the sector to break even?

Being quite familiar with the air travel business for some time and myself being a frequent traveller, I would be surprised if Air India, or for that matter, any other international airline could name any sector that has consistently recorded 80 per cent occupancy throughout the year.

I would like to add further that any sector from Kuwait should have a break-even point of at least 15 per cent below the normal. Hence an efficient airline should break even at about 35 per cent occupancy, operating on this sector fares.

It is common knowledge that Kuwait/Delhi flights have been operating for several years, below 15 per cent occupancy and not even the Kuwait/Trivandrum flight operates above 70 per cent occupancy for any three months clubbed together, let alone a whole year. If the Air India authorities cancel the Goa flight, we will understand it is for the political exigencies and not the economic factors, but there was no need to cook up cock-and-bull stories.

Wilson Rodrigues, Safat.

Sad demise

SIR: The sudden death of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan shocked the entire world. Muslims all over the world paid special tributes to him. His efforts to bring the Muslim world closer were admirable. May his soul rest in peace.

M.S. Sulehry, Safat.



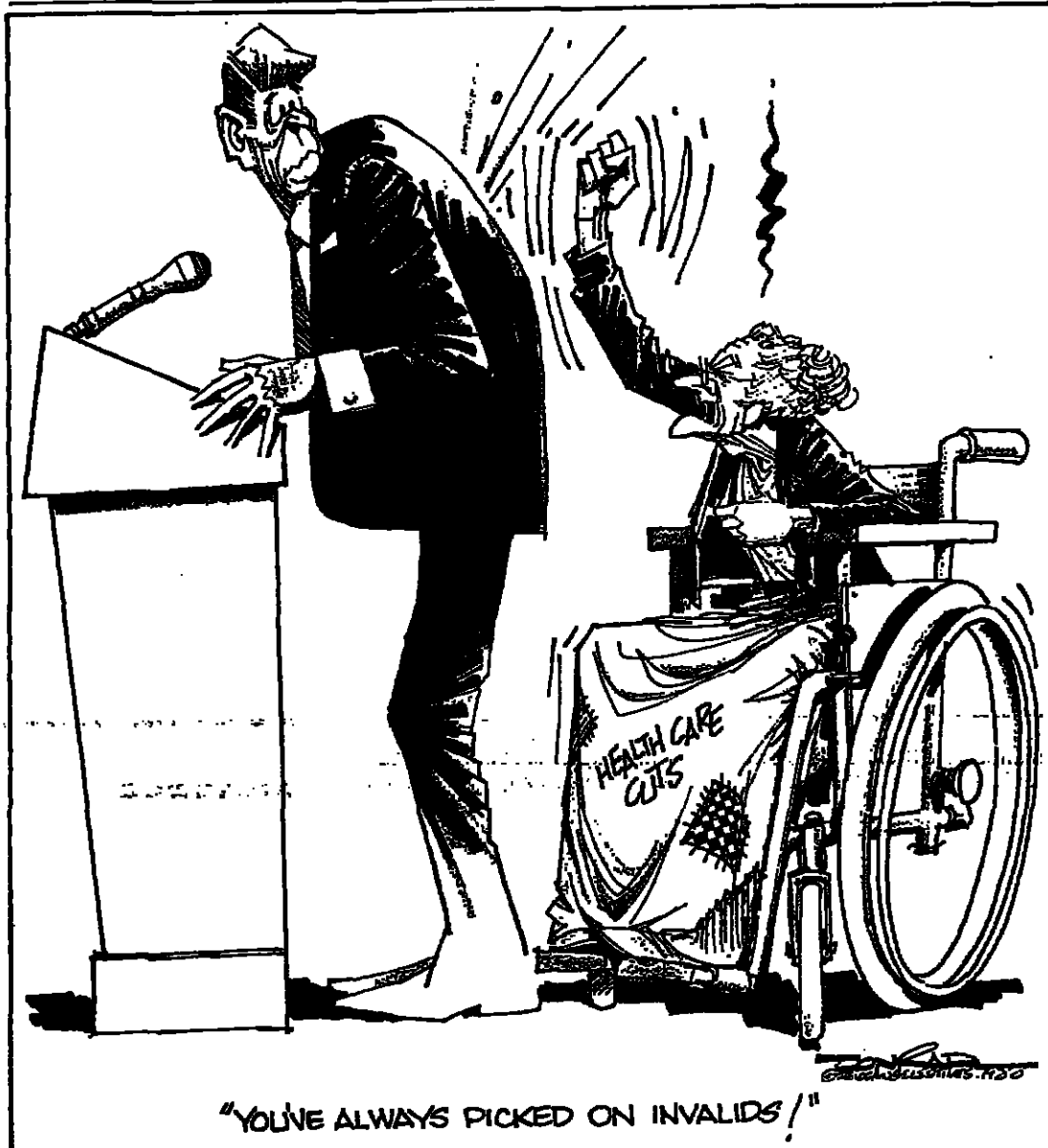
Reduce air fares

SIR: I appeal to the management of all airlines in Kuwait to reduce their air fares during the Olympic Games which will start on Sept 17 in Seoul.

Those who are interested in the Games should not be deprived of going to Seoul because of expensive air fares. Olympic Games should not be the monopoly of only the rich. All should get a fair chance to see the Olympics.

Y.G. Seshareddy, Safat.

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Environmentalists gain popularity in Sweden

By Helene Murdoch

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, (AP): Dying seals, and a massive bloom of slimy algae off Sweden's coast, could prove to be a political threat to the long-ruling Social Democrats in this month's parliamentary elections.

Analysts say environmental mishaps that struck Sweden this summer have added to the popularity of the Environment Party, also known as Sweden's Greens, as public discontent grows with the political establishment.

Five parties have been permanent fixtures in the Riksdag, or parliament, for the last 60 years. Now the Environment Party could break into that tightly knit political club and upset the delicate balance of Swedish politics.

"The voters have lost confidence in the established parties," said Soren Holmberg, professor of political science at the University of Goteborg. "The environment has become an issue of explosive political effect that may lead to voters changing parties."

The five parties are arrayed into left-wing and right-wing blocs in the 349-seat Riksdag in a so-far unbreakable pattern. The Social Democratic Party, usually with the support of the tiny Communist Party, has been in power for 50 of the last 56 years.

At present the Social Democrats have 159 seats and the Communists 19. The right-wing bloc consists of the Conservative Party with 76 seats, the Centre Party with 44 and the Liberal Party with 51.

The Environment Party, which also calls itself the Greens in line with similar groups elsewhere in Europe, now has a chance to overturn the system of five-party politics.

In this month's election, the Social Democrats will face, in addition to the Greens challenge, the effects of a scandal over the government's backing for a free-lance investigation into the

unsolved 1986 murder of Prime Minister Olof Palme.

The Environment Party is aiming for a role "in which they can tip the balance in either direction," said Holmberg. It is refusing to say which bloc it would support if it gets into the legislature. Both blocs have said they wouldn't form a coalition with the Greens, and the Greens say they wouldn't seek such an alliance.

One possible outcome of the election, especially if the Communists fail to reach the 4 per cent minimum for parliament membership, would be a minority government with the Greens voting according to individual issues.

The ecological problems that have strengthened the Greens include a plague that decimated herds of harbour seals in northern Europe and a 35-mile (55-km)-wide algae bloom that drifted southward from Norway, suffocating tons of fish along the way.

Nightly scenes on television of seal corpses washed up onto dirty beaches "have done wonders" for the Greens, Holmberg said in an interview.

When it ran the first time in 1982, the Environment Party won 1.7 per cent of the votes, falling short of the 4 per cent threshold needed for entry into the legislature. Three years later it failed again to gain entry, polling 1.5 per cent.

But the latest poll by the Swedish Institute of Public Opinion Research (SIPO) gives the Greens 8 per cent of the votes.

Problems
The poll of 995 adults showed that 75 per cent of those questioned listed the environment as the most important election issue, and 35 per cent believed the Environment Party had the best ideas for solving ecological problems.

Eva Goes, pronounced "goes," one of the two party leaders, has emerged during the election campaign as Sweden's Mrs. Clean.

Rallies staged by the party

have a near-religious fervour. One gathering in the small community of Balsta, 40 kms (29 miles) west of Stockholm, opened with snacks of brown bread and health teas, and ended with Goes singing "A hymn to nature."

Goes said it was not incidental that most of the people attending the rally were women.

"Women have a stronger feeling for future generations than men do. Men often lack the comprehensive view that women have," she told the Associated Press.

Goes turned to politics from personal tragedy. After giving birth to a retarded son, she said she wanted to change the world. It boiled down for her to the question of nuclear power.

"I was made aware of how vulnerable society is and how little prepared it is to deal with an emergency," she said.

The other main Green leader is Birger Schlaug.

The party wants to shut down Sweden's nuclear power stations immediately, and rely on coal and oil while cleaner energy sources are explored. The government is committed to stopping nuclear power, which now provides half of Sweden's energy, by the year 2010.

Its nuclear policy is similar to that of the Centre Party on the right and the Communist Party on the left. Both parties have bitterly accused the Greens of stealing their ideas and political flanks.

But the Greens are drawing support because they belong to basically a one-issue party. "The voters don't seem to know, or to care, about the views of the Environment Party when it comes to other issues, some of which are very controversial," Holmberg said.

He mentioned as an example the party's proposal for a compulsory two-year leave of absence from work for new parents — one year each for the mother and the father. Parental leave is now one year for either parent, and is optional.

Dead hero and his daughter help unite Burmese opposition

By Denis D. Gray

BANGKOK, Thailand, (AP): A near-legendary hero, assassinated 40 years ago, and his expatriate daughter are helping to unify the vast but potentially chaotic anti-government forces in Burma.

The fact that someone long deceased and a housewife with no political experience are commanding such attention indicates the lack of alternatives to 26 years of authoritarian rule. It also testifies to the enduring, tragic mystique of Aung San, the leader of Burma's independence struggle, who was gunned down at age 32.

Some media reports have already compared his daughter, Aung San Suu Kyi, with Philippine President Corason Aquino and Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan — women from "traditionally" prominent families who led or lead opposition forces.

The 43-year-old daughter last week drew crowds of up to 400,000 to hear her call for democracy. Some diplomats and Burmese analysts believe she will be a transitional figure who could help unify disparate groups and prevent a plunge into anarchy.

Thrust
Aung San's daughter was thrust unwittingly into the political arena after coming to Rangoon from her home in England last April to care for her ailing mother.

"She saw all the commotion and turmoil, the rioting and demonstrators getting killed," said Burmese emigre spokesman Max McGrath in London. "She must have been affected



Aung San Suu Kyi

emotionally, especially when demonstrators carried pictures of her father at the head of the procession.

In an interview with Britain's television Channel 4 last week, she said she had neither plans for a new political party nor an immediate blueprint for Burma's future beyond an interim People's Consultative Committee leading to democracy.

While her programme sounded vague, her presence stirred strong emotions.

"It's like if George Washington's son had come along in 1830 and said, 'I'd like to be president of the United States.' It would have a certain ring to it," said British Burma expert Robert H. Taylor.

Washington was the first president of the United States after helping the American colonies win independence from Great Britain in the late 18th century.

Like America's Washington, Aung San fought for independence from Britain. He and the so-called "thirty comrades" vowed to liberate Burma in

blood and marched into their homeland during World War II.

At first, they sided with the Japanese and attacked the allies. They later changed sides, fearing Japanese imperialism.

A complex personality, Aung San is recalled by contemporaries as a sincere, highly principled and simple-living man who could mix easily with colleagues, then lapse into periods of brooding silence.

After the war, he negotiated successfully with the British government for independence. But months before it was granted, he and a half-dozen other leaders were killed by political assassins who burst into a cabinet meeting with automatic rifles blazing. His death on July 19, 1947, is commemorated as martyr's day.

Aung San Suu Kyi had already reached age 10 when her father died. She was educated in Burma and India, where her mother served as ambassador from 1960 to 1967.

Married
She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oxford University in 1967, worked at United Nations headquarters in New York and in 1972 married Michael Aris, an Oxford professor and expert on Tibetan culture and the Himalayan region.

This year's demonstrations against a quarter-century of oppressive rule in Burma ended the quiet, private life she had led. Some Burmese also called for the return of her brother, Aung San Oo, a 45-year-old US citizen.

Despite the rousing welcome accorded her, Aung San Suu Kyi is handicapped by her life away from Burma. She is an expatriate with no political experience.

US third parties sally forth again

By Carl Hartman

WASHINGTON, (AP) Americans have a wide choice of candidates for president this year, including two teenage boys and two men who say they are convicts.

There are also some more serious politicians trying to run for president along with Republican George Bush and Democrat Michael Dukakis, the nominees of the two main parties.

But third-party candidates rarely make a good showing in American politics, and this year is likely to be no different than in the past.

The most recent candidate from outside the major parties to do well was John Anderson, a former Republican member of the House of Representatives, who ran as an independent in 1980.

Anderson ran as a liberal Republican, endorsing a bill for homosexual rights and saying he would rather see Democrat Edward Kennedy in the White House than Ronald Reagan. He said that if he was elected, his senior advisers would be Democrats, Republicans and independents.

Anderson won 5.7 million votes — 6.6 per cent of the total. Reagan won the election, and Anderson has hardly been heard of since.

Segregation
In 1968, George Wallace ran as an "American independent," winning 9.9 million votes to 31.8 million for Richard Nixon, the winner, and 31.3 million votes for Hubert Humphrey. He was a "states rights" Democrat, and had backed segregation.

The third-party candidate likely to do best this year is Ron Paul, another former Republican Congressman. His Libertarian Party ran third in 1984, reaping 228,314 votes against 54.4 million for the winner, Reagan, and 37.6 million for former Vice-President Walter Mondale.

The Libertarians want to repeal all laws against crimes that do not have a victim, and end taxation of land.

The land where it is always yesterday

But the United States still controls the region's defence and has the right to keep its missile and radar installations on Kwajalein for at least the next 13 years, probably longer.

All the 2,500 Americans on Kwaj (rhymes with Dodge) and the 10,000 Marshallese on the island next door live and work yesterday.

The same applies to Bikini atoll, 300 miles northwest of Kwaj where the United States conducted 23 atomic bomb tests between 1946 and 1958.

The atoll is now uninhabited due to high radiation levels in the soil, except for a small field station operated by the US Department of Energy.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1494 — France's King Charles VIII invades Italy to claim throne of Naples.
- 1531 — War breaks out in Switzerland between Zurich and Catholic Forest Cantons.
- 1542 — Holy Roman Empire's campaign against the Turks in Hungary.
- 1674 — William of Orange takes Grave, Belgium, but is unable to invade France.
- 1706 — British successfully defend Charleston, south Carolina, against French and Spanish.
- 1879 — Britain signs peace treaty with Zulus in South Africa.
- 1897 — Batetelas begin uprising in Upper Congo in Africa; Sudanese troops mutiny in Ganda.
- 1939 — Germany invades Poland, leading to start of World War II.
- 1945 — Japan surrenders aboard USS battleship Missouri at end of World War II.
- 1950 — North Korean troops launch attack across Makdong River in Korea.
- 1961 — United Nations breaks off relations with Katanga government, and heavy fighting in Elizabethville and Jadotville results from UN attempt to arrest members of government.
- 1962 — Singapore votes to join federation of Malaysia.
- 1968 — Relief officials in Iran say more than 4,000 people are known to have perished in series of earthquakes.
- 1969 — Army stages coup in Libya, monarchy is deposed and Libyan Arab Republic is proclaimed.
- 1986 — Nicaragua, at summit of Non-Aligned nations in Zimbabwe, accuses United States of aggression and intervention.
- 1987 — Two black men are hanged in Pretoria, South Africa, for multiple killing committed during outbreak of anti-apartheid violence.

CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

Special to the Arab Times

Image-conscious stars seek roles with 'power'

Filmland's latest craze: 'bollywood' law

The new trend among film stars in the Bombay film-world is to appear as gun-toting representatives of the law preferably in figure-hugging uniforms. Our correspondent deprecates this trend.

By
Firoze Rangoonwalla

EVERY now and then film stars indulge in a new fancy and cultivate an image which they imagine will thrill cine-audiences to bits.

It is another matter whether this 'new image' fails to impress, even the handful of faithful fans. But that does not deter the stars who persist in their fantasies, since they are in the business of peddling dreams.

These days, the big craze is to don the clothes of a policeman (or police-woman). When a producer approaches the star with a crime subject, they ask: "Don't you have a good cop's role with a fitting uniform?" or many occasions, the producer has had to change his script to satisfy the whims of the stars, as in Aakhi Adalat where Dimple plays the role of a bungling cop, on the lines of something she had seen in an American film.

Unfortunately Dimple failed to carry off the comedy nor did cinegoers it seems like their glamorous heroine in this manish image. The film was considered as just another imitation, and is an apt reflection of the current craze among heroes and heroines dreaming about being gun-toting representatives of the law. Since they don't get really powerful roles to play, they are desperate for roles which carry "power".

In Aakhi Adalat Dimple tried her best to do "yes-sir" to Vinod Khanna, her senior in the police force. She also stumbled through many clownish situations before ending up as Vinod's home-loving wife. This did neither any credit to the police department nor, to the cause of feminism. However, she has done better justice to the serious cop image in Zakhmi Aurat. In Zakhmi Aurat, she leaves her police job early in the film and begins taking her own

revenge. Although she is named Kiran, she is a far cry from the real-life police officer, Kiran Bedi of Delhi, who has raised quite a storm in her career, especially after the hand-cuffing of a male lawyer. It would be better if Dimple left the police to themselves, before she spoils their image as well as her own.

Trust the image-makers in the South to turn stars into tough, fire-breathing cops. They get a special kick out of presenting policewomen, perhaps because there are hardly any real women cops in Madras and the South in general. These films are usually an indirect hint for women to join the forces and wield power. Thus most of the charming heroines, in the South, who usually sing or dance or weep have worn a cop's uniform, along with a "danda" in one hand and a pistol in the other. In the past we have had Rekha, Hema, Sri Devi all doing it and there are more to follow, though we can't imagine how Jaya Prada would look as a policewoman singing a bhajan or a lullaby. Swapna and Madhvi would surely add their "weight" to the role at least.

Actually, we have come a long way from the days when Jagdish Raj (father of Anita Raj) and Iftekhar monopolised the police roles. We now have a wider variety of law-enforcers, though they may not exactly inspire our confidence. Hema Malini did a pretty good job of it in Andha Kanoon though brother Rajnikant outwitted her. But, Hema stuck to the letter of the law till the end, even opposing Rajnikant who rescues her from a rape, because he was an escaped convict. These days elderly Hema is also fond of playing black-gowned lawyers coming to the help of victimised women (young heroines).

Hema also played an inspector in Ram Teri Desh. But, Rekha in Insaaf ki Awaaz and Sri Devi in Jawab Hum Denge stole the limelight. Both made

very charming officers, the type who would inspire men to commit crime. It is another thing that they were never convincing as police officers, and looked more like glamorous dolls. They are always better when they play delicate arrogant creatures pitted against heroes who are trying to play tough policemen. They woo the girls and become weak, emotionally.

Amitabh in Dastana accepts Zeenat's complaint against an eve-teaser and then scolds her for wearing provocative clothes. Later, of course he meekly falls in love with her. Amit's role of the corrupt Allahabadi policeman in Shahenshah stretched the limit of a bad characterisation and actually harmed the film. People could not laugh at a cop who accepted hefty bribes, even if his other half went out against the evil-doers. In other films, too, small-time policemen are shown accepting bribes etc. At other times they are shown as clowns and jokers, and are also played by comedians Bhagwan, Jag-deep, Birbal, Keshto, Asit Sen etc. Bhagwan is always the policeman meant to be fooled.

Goofy

These hawaldars are shown to be goofy, slow and physically unfit. They mess up the case and almost always, never reach in time. Asrani climaxed it with his caricature in Sholey showing that the police chief is usually an idiot. There was some controversy on this topic and the censors swooped on some small films. Bombay's ex-police commissioner openly declared: "Most films are painting a wrong picture of us. They are defaming the whole department. They also encourage people to keep away from police and take the law in their own hands to solve problems."

Formerly, the censors never allowed corrupt police on the screen. After some misguided criticism the police was liberalised but now it has gone to the other extreme. Some films create a suspense about a cop or C.I.D. and then prove that they were the real villains. This has shaken people's faith in the police. Even children say that the police are of no use. When good heroes do play good cops they show off their brawn and muscle rather than following the correct police methods of solving a crime. At all other times, the police are shown arriving very late, when the hero has already done all their work and the battered baddies have only to be arrested.

There have been a few effective portrayals like Om Puri in Arth Satya or Suresh Oberoi in Kaal Chakra. Otherwise the cops have remained glamour boys, like Vinod Khanna in Satyamur Jayate, Feroz Khan in Jaanbaaz, Dev Anand in Warrant, Shashi Kapoor in Deewar and others. Younger heroes like Chunky have also developed a taste for playing tough in a cop's uniform and a handy gun. And the older heroes or character actors, like Dilip Kumar, Sunil Dutt, Rajesh Khanna, Danny,



Dimple as the bungling cop in Aakhi Adalat.

Shammi Kapoor etc. are also at it.

In recent films, Pran is being preferred in the role of a stern straightforward cop, as in Shahenshah and Paap Ki Duniya. It seems he has taken over the mantle from Iftekhar, who used to fit the role to a 'P'. Iftekhar also took personal care on every detail and kept several books on crime and police methods in his library. People almost thought he was once in the police hierarchy but in actual fact he did not even have a gun licence. At the other end,

villain Shakti Kapoor is perfecting the image of a clownish cop after his cheap popularity as Inspector Bhenche in Insaaf.

Kiran Kumar and other villains are becoming famous as corrupt cops secretly in league with smugglers, politicians and other bad rich guys. Mithun is playing a crazy cop opposite Rekha in G.P. Sippy's forthcoming Bhurashtrachar (meaning corruption). In the multi-star Batwara, a desert drama, there are policemen of many cadres played by Dharmendra, Mohsin Khan and even Amrish Puri.



J.P. Dutta directs policeman Dharmaendra in Batwara.

The entry of tall deep-eyed beauty Shaheen has caused a lot of excitement in film circles. She is held in awe as she comes from the house of Dilip Kumar. She



New star Shaheen, niece of Saira Banu.

Behind the screen

is expected to revive the cultural trend in films, as she is the grand-daughter of Naseem Banu and the niece of Saira Banu. Will she act only in Muslim socials? Well of-course not. She will blend two cultures, in films with poetry, emotion and charm. But she has made her terms clear: "I will leave films if I am forced to wear a bikini. I will adhere to the cultural and family tradition of good behaviour. I want to be a performing and not an exposing artist. It is not asking too much." Well everything depends on the roles she can get.

By a strange coincidence director Mukul Anand had first spotted Shaheen when she was a teenage school girl touring Kashmir. He offered her a role but was refused. And now that she has just crossed her teens, the first break has come from Mukul himself, who is featuring her opposite Govinda in Maha-Sangram. The title suggests total violence while she says she will avoid films with sex and violence.

Somebody was bound to cash in on the huge success of the simple love story Qayamat

se and the early bird is B. Subhash, who has booked the same pair Aamir Khan and Juhi Chawla to star in a film titled Love Love Love which makes everything very obvious. But all "loves" need not reach a happy conclusion especially if the film has a tragic end.

These days Sunjay Dutt is making a lot of fuss at public places and making his presence felt with the usual line: "You must know who I am," followed by aggressive gestures. While Papa Sunil leads peace marches, son Sunjay is at war with the people.

Has Kabir Bedi gone on a diet or on a trip (drugs)? He looks so haggard and out of shape in contrast to his tall macho image in Sandokan. He looks bad even for a villain, of the Hindi films variety.

The biggest blow to Saaniya is not being cast in Dev Sahab's Awwal Number even as a third attraction. It is a result of her loud-mouthed vulgar press statements. Dev seems to say: "See there was never any kind of affair between us. Otherwise, she would be in my film."



Mithun plays a crazy cop opposite Rekha in G.P. Sippy's Bhurashtrachar.



B. Subhash joins hands with Aamir Khan (left) and Juhi Chawla for Love, Love, Love.

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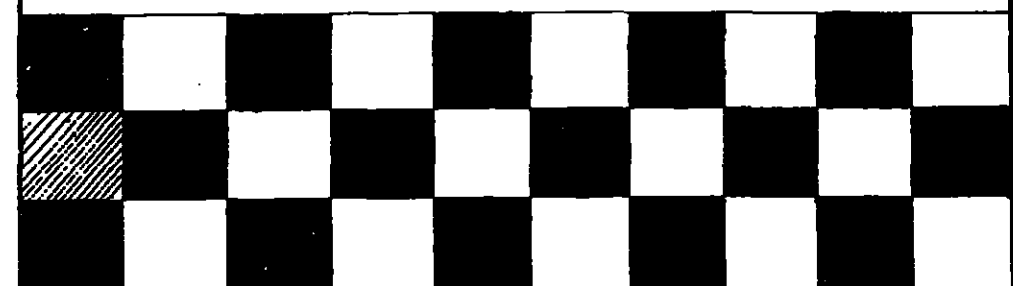
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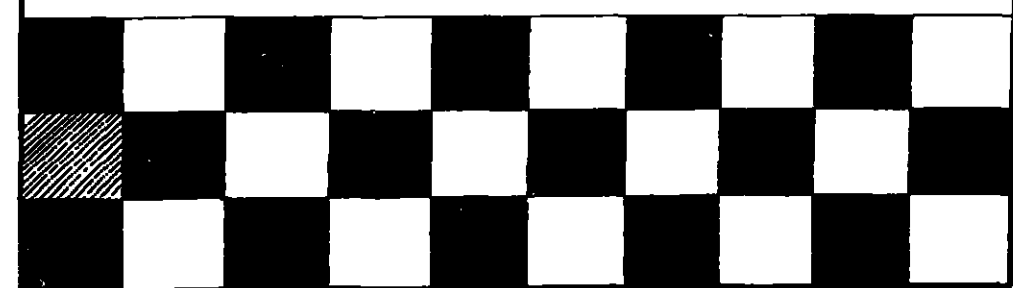
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Everything you wanted to know about babies

By Gail Seery

IN the last year or so, all my apparently happily-single friends have decided, two by two, to settle down, marry and start a family — though heaven knows why. Then they bother me at all hours of the day and night with inane questions about the mini-tyrant they have decided to let into their lives. Here then for once and for all is my encapsulated wisdom on the subject of babies and child care.

Allergy: What a mother says her baby has when it is spotty. What an older child says it has when it doesn't want to eat something.

Antenatal care: The last chance a mother will ever have to be pampered.

Baby alarm: Should a baby unexpectedly sneak into your apartment, this device will alert you, enabling you to take immediate defensive action.

Baby bouncer: A special, extra large baby, used for throwing out rowdy elements at mother and baby groups etc. See also "Maid".

Baby carriers: These are specialist companies who specialise in moving babies safely, without danger to members of the public.

Baby oil: This is for squeaky babies. Add oil liberally at all joints.

Baby powder: Contrary to popular belief, you do not just add water and mix to get your baby.

Baby sitting: The practice of sitting on babies. This is highly illegal and not very comfortable.

Bed wetting: This is caused in two ways. The first, obvious way is not really a problem — all children eventually grow out of it, and I can assure you that none of my fellow university students were still in nappies. The other way is caused by the children bouncing on the parental bed while the parents are having an early morning cup of tea. Unfortunately there is no known cure for this.

Bottle feeding: I have never

understood why anyone could be silly enough to want to feed a bottle.

Childminders: A lot of people mind children actually, more indeed than are usually prepared to admit it.

Crib: A special baby card game.

Feeding equipment: See spoon feeding.

Grandparents: Accomplices.

Knitting: This is the first sign of pregnancy. Contact your doctor immediately if either your mother or your mother-in-law, or any female relation called Dora or Nora, buys in large quantities of wool in pastel shades.

Layette: I have never understood why a baby has to have a layette. It is full of strange garments knitted by maiden aunts at dead of night, and has to feature at least three of everything, even if you're sure your baby will never wear even one.

Maid: See "Baby Bouncers".

Matinee jacket: Contrary to popular belief, this is not a special camouflage jacket to be worn at afternoon performances of Kuwaiti Players extravaganzas. This is actually a strange garment knitted by a maiden aunt who is likely to be called Dora, or Nora.

Milk teeth: I'm sorry, I have looked everywhere for more information, but I have to announce that I have never seen teeth milked, nor teeth made from milk. I have to announce that these are almost certainly an old wives tale.

Nappy changing: This is the name given to the special game of pass the baby, traditionally played at certain times in a young baby's life.

Nappy rash: The name given to the person rash enough to be left holding the baby after the nappy changing game.

Potty training: A complete waste of time. It is impossible to train a potty to do anything at all.

Rattles: This is a very important piece of information. BABIES SHOULD NOT RATTLE. Any rattles that cannot be silenced by applying baby oil to the joints should



immediately be referred to a competent mechanic.

Regurgitation: The child care manual defines this as "The spontaneous bringing up of stomach contents into a baby's mouth. This can vary between a gentle reminder of the baby's existence to projectile vomiting. The latter is a game where the baby scores 2 points for hitting its own clothing, 4 points for the clothing of a parent, six points for the clothing of an adult other than the parent, eight points for the furniture, and ten for the brand new carpet. Babies will always prefer to play this game when you are dressed ready to go out."

Safety equipment: One of the most staggering things about the baby care equipment market is the sheer quantity of safety products marketed.

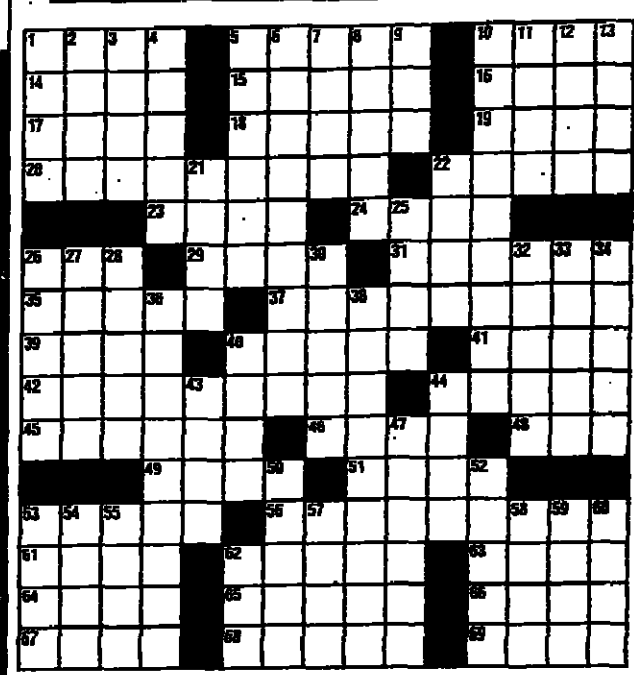
These include kiddi-proof electric socket safety covers, safety corner cushions, drawer, cupboard and fridge locks, bed guard, video visor, smoke alarm, toilet lid lock, walk-through safety gate, baby alarm, riot shield, rubber bullets, barbed wire, CS gas canisters, maximum security prisons etc.

Sleep: Babies don't. **Spoon feeding:** This is very silly. No spoon ever ate anything.

Tantrums: As Joan Rivers said, she had no idea that there would be so much screaming and crying after the baby was born — and that was just from her husband.

Toilet training: See "Potty Training". **Working mothers:** All mothers.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Mortar carriers
 - 5 Spread out
 - 10 Not kosher
 - 14 Lined up
 - 15 Essay style
 - 16 Pueblo Indian
 - 17 Zola opus
 - 18 Friendly frictions
 - 19 Les Etats —
 - 20 Collides with
 - 22 Appetite appeaser
 - 23 The Earl of Chatham
 - 24 Police action
 - 26 Grad. degrees
 - 29 Open a book
 - 31 Summer refresher
 - 35 Coach Lombardi
 - 37 Ricochet
 - 39 Soviet sea
 - 40 Unaccompanied
 - 41 Boar. Ger.
 - 42 Aliens
 - 44 Dote on
 - 45 "— and The Pendulum"
 - 46 Wow
 - 48 Shad —
 - 49 Soviet press org.
 - 51 Brazilian parrots
 - 53 Cleaning women, British style
 - 56 Too bad!
 - 61 Tibetan monk
- DOWN**
- 2 Young Brinker
 - 3 Certain exam
 - 4 Spanish woman's title
 - 6 Overload with work
 - 7 Elf or imp
 - 8 Like an edited manuscript
 - 9 Hay follower
 - 10 "Trapper" John J.
 - 11 O.K.
 - 12 Roared and raged
 - 13 Novelist Jaffe
 - 14 "Illad" is one
 - 15 University in Nashville
 - 21 Dam's mate
 - 22 Number six on a die
 - 25 II — (he loves): Fr.
 - 26 Stop, at sea
 - 27 Hah, hah, e.g.
 - 28 Catch
 - 30 They go in and out
- 32 Small drum**
33 January, in Cordoba
- 34 Give the nod**
36 Empty words
- 38 Fierce attack**
40 10% ers
- 43 Island off Sumatra**
44 Asian nanny
- 47 Cart and patois**
50 Weasel at times
- 52 See 47 Down**
53 — up (be quiet)
- 54 Nathan, the patriot**
55 Andy's friend
- 57 Killer whale**
58 Wife: Lat.
- 59 Italian lake**
60 Was in on
- 62 Airborne RNs**

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ KJ52 ♥ 853 ♦ 92 ♣ 6532
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ DBI Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ KJ83 ♥ 954 ♦ KQ183 ♣ AQ
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ 2 ♥ ?
What do you bid now?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ A952 ♥ 76 ♦ K65 ♣ A72
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ AK16 ♥ AQ9 ♦ 73 ♣ AQ72
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ AQ ♥ 952 ♦ AQ5 ♣ KQJ6
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass ?
What do you bid now?



THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brent Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)
You will be able to make the most of a rather unfavourable set of circumstances. You should not allow yourself to become flustered. You should not delay until another day what you know should be done today. Be cordial.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
You should try to do something to clarify your ideas. Do not be too proud to take good advice. Avoid allowing your emotions to take precedence over your reason. Be methodical.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)
You will be tempted to do something you know you should not do — do not. You should make sure you keep your expenditure within the limits you have set yourself. You are all too liable to give up too soon. Be moderate.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You should avoid all kinds of exaggerations and should stay within the limits of propriety. Whatever you do you should not lose your temper and should stay calm. You will have some luck but not enough to make any great changes. Be adaptable.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
Make sure you do not confuse what really is with what you would wish to be. You are too liable to rely on your intuitions. You should not take everything quite so seriously but that does not mean being frivolous. Be sensible.

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)
You will be able to do something that is eminently practical. You will be more vulnerable and should do your best not to expose yourself. Do your utmost to avoid jumping to conclusions. Be realistic.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
Try to ensure you do not do anything to upset a rather sensitive person. You should not lose yourself in negative reflections. Avoid allowing your emotions to run away with you. Be tolerant.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You will find it easier to meet your commitments but you should not be too quick to take on any new ones. Work hard, but do not permit work to encroach upon your personal affairs. Do not leave a letter unanswered. Be resilient.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You will be able to do something that is very much to your liking. Make sure you do not let a friend down. Something you had hoped would not happen unfortunately will. Be firm.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)
You should make sure you do not retire into yourself but remain approachable. You should make sure you do not turn your back on change. Try to keep calm whatever the provocation. Be helpful.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
You will find it easier to stay on good terms with those close to you. You will also be able to deal with a practical problem. Do not spend quite so much time looking at television. Be punctual.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)
You will feel more at your ease and should not allow anything to upset your peace of mind. You should try to avoid taking work home with you. Make sure you always keep a sharp lookout what is behind you when driving. Be sensible.

The Art Buchwald Column

The good Republican

think about Quayle for Vice-President? I said that most blacks considered him an asset to the ticket since he was viewed as a tireless supporter of Star Wars, a strong opponent of abortion and a man who believes that prayer should be back in our schools. I would have elaborated on this, but Walter Cronkite shoved Connie aside and wanted to know how black people felt about a balanced budget. I told him that we had always been in favour of a balanced budget provided it guaranteed people's rights to take the pledge of allegiance whenever they wanted to.

"After Cronkite left, George Will shoved a microphone in my mouth and asked me if my black brothers were in favour of higher taxes. I said we could go either way, but what we were really opposed to was manufacturers having to give 60 days' notice before they shut down a plant."

"It was probably the only good interview George had all night," I added.

Hoover continued, "Once the word got out that the Republicans had a

black delegate in the hall, it wasn't long before I was surrounded by so many TV cameras that they had to put a red velvet rope around me. Sam Donaldson was forced to stand on a chair to yell his questions."

"What did Sam ask you?"

"He shouted, 'Are black voters going to win one for the Gipper? I told him that we certainly would, in spite of Jesse Jackson and all of the free spenders who kept fumbling the ball.'"

"Did you ever think that Dan Rather might come down from his booth and speak to you personally?"

"Just after George Bush finished his acceptance speech, there was a moment when Dan started to head my way. I know he was dying to ask me what the black voters thought about Bush's remarks on arms limitations talks, but at the last moment he sent Diane Sawyer to talk to me instead."

"What was Diane's question?"

Hoover said, "She wanted to know if black voters could be counted on to deliver the big cities to the Republicans. I told her



that there was no doubt in my mind that once black people got to know the children of both Bush and Quayle, they would desert the Democratic Party in droves."

"What did the Republican leaders do when they heard you say that?"

"The minute Phyllis Schlafly heard me come out for Quayle she brought me a free hot dog."

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ANDY CAPP

By Smith



BUSINESS & FINANCE

Subroto tries to forge oil quota pact

Iraq sacrificed a lot for OPEC, says Chalabi

BAGHDAD, Aug 31. (Reuters) OPEC Secretary-General Subroto, trying to bring Iraq back into the group's quota system, arrived for talks today as Baghdad said its sacrifices for the organisation might end.

Oil Minister Issam Abdul-Rahim Al Chalabi said Iraq had sacrificed a lot for OPEC unity, "but this does not mean that we are going to continue our sacrifice for the others."

Chalabi, quoted by Baghdad Radio last night, did not say whether he would seek a higher OPEC quota when he met Subroto.

Agreement

Subroto, who arrived from Tehran, is trying to reach an agreement between Iraq and Iraq to help cut production to ease a world oil glut and boost prices.

Chalabi said Iraq should seek higher economic returns from its oil exports after years of fighting. He said it would adopt as its future policy "the principle of achieving higher economic returns of its oil exports, which would define Iraq's clear plan for the future, and consequently determine the country's requirements."

Baghdad Radio quoted Chalabi as saying Iraq's attitude toward OPEC was based on "the principle of maintaining the

spirit of unity for the benefit of all."

Iraq refused to take part in the quota pact last December after rejecting its former 1.54 million barrels per day (BPD) limit, demanding an allocation equal to Iran's 2.369 million BPD.

Subroto said in Kuwait before his two-day visit to Tehran that he believed both should have equal quotas.

Now Iraq is pumping 2.7 million BPD and oil sources in the Gulf expect output to increase as Baghdad seeks to pull in extra revenue to finance reconstruction of its war-battered economy.

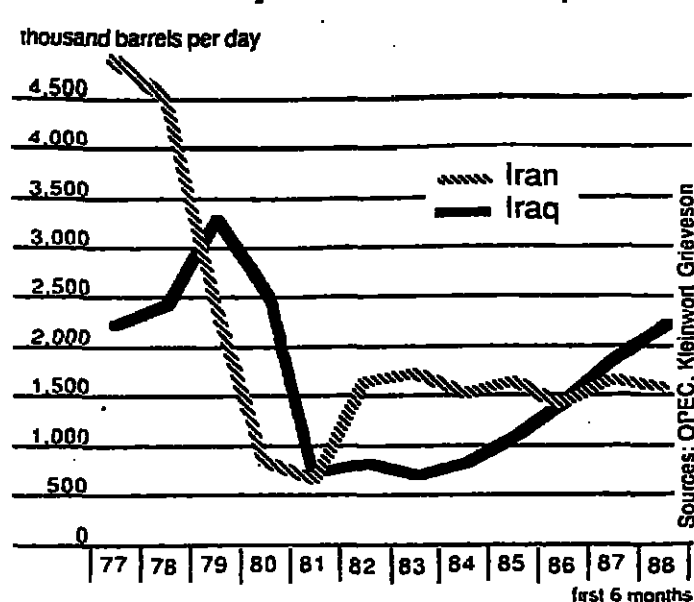
The two sides implemented a United Nations-mediated ceasefire on August 20 but follow-up peace talks in Geneva have since run into difficulty.

System

Oil industry sources said an agreement between Iraq and Iraq which would bring Baghdad back into Opec's quota system at the same level as Tehran would trim world output and help weak oil prices to recover.

But it was not immediately

Iran and Iraq: a decade of oil exports



clear if Iran was ready to co-operate with Iraq within OPEC.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei was quoted by Tehran radio as saying Iran has always tried to uphold "OPEC's internal unity and solidarity and its internal ability to take decisions and overcome problems."

Iran had blocked Iraq's requests for a higher allocation in OPEC and Tehran Radio on Monday had said that Iran was still against the concept of quota parity with Iraq.

The official Kuwait News Agency KUNA, quoting senior Gulf oil sources, said on Monday Subroto would offer a higher quota both for Iran and Iraq at

2.5 million BPD to try to reach a deal.

It said Subroto might call an emergency OPEC meeting if he succeeded in convincing Iran and Iraq to accept the same quota.

Squabbling between Iran and Iraq over peace terms is dimming prospects the two nations will agree on OPEC oil output quotas. Far East oil industry sources said today.

OPEC production in August has averaged around 20 million barrels per day (BPD), up from 19 million in July, according to the Nicosia-based newsletter, Middle East Economic Survey.

Oil industry analysts say demand for OPEC oil will not be much higher than 18 million BPD in the fourth quarter of this year.

High

"In this market, OPEC production looks very high and all indications are it will be higher for September," said one.

The price of the Middle East benchmark crude, Dubai, has been pressured down to around \$13 a barrel, compared to OPEC's official target price of \$17.42.

Oil prices are expected to fall at least 50 cents lower unless output is curbed or the Gulf peace talks make enough progress to boost the psychology of the market.

"The fundamentals say the market should go down a minimum of 50 cents, maybe a dollar," said the Japanese trader.

"The market is steadily declining but it could go up at any moment due to political moves," a refiner said.

For now, though, the political factors are not bullish.

Informed oil sources said in Kuwait today that Subroto will arrive here on the second visit to Kuwait within a week to complete discussions with Kuwaiti officials.

The sources said that Dr Subroto will brief Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa about the outcome of his talks with Iranian and Iraqi officials on "efforts" to equal the Iraqi production quota within OPEC, to that of Iran which amounts to 2.369 million barrels a day.

However, current OPEC president, Nigerian Oil Minister Al Haj Riluwan Lukman yesterday announced that it was possible to reach an equal quota for both Iraq and Iran and that all roads toward that end would be prodded.

Exports from Kuwait are also surging and could be further boosted as restrictions on shipping in the northern Gulf are relaxed and insurance premiums fall following the Iran-Iraq ceasefire, oil traders said.

French economy poised for growth

PARIS, Aug 31. (KUNA) For the first time in ten years, the French economy will realise a 3.5 per cent growth rate in 1988, according to unofficial estimates published here.

After a decade of slow growth, France, the world's fourth economic power, is profiting from a "boom" of investments in 1988 which increased by 10 per cent in general and 14 per cent in the industrial sector.

The government was estimating the growth at 2.2 per cent for the year, but until April there was a growth rate of only 1.9 per cent, according to official figures.

Surviving the stock market crash of last October, the French economy came back to double expenditure on equipment for industries, commercial activities and construction.

Production

Figures given by the National Institute for Statistics show that industrial production has been rising 6 per cent annually since 1986, and for the first time in many decades the workforce in the industrial sector has not decreased.

Thanks to the construction sector, the French economy created 52,000 new jobs in the first half of the year, on top of 70,000 others founded in 1987.

The 1980s have been marked by slow growth in the French economy, dropping to a low of 0.6 per cent in 1983 under the Socialist government.

Russians re-discover London as global centre for gold

LONDON, Aug 31. (UPI) The Russians are re-discovering London as the global centre for gold, according to bullion dealers today.

Moscow Narodny Bank, the British arm of the Soviet's Gold-Dealing Bank of Foreign Economic Affairs, is joining the newly formed London Bullion Market Association (LBMA).

LBMA is hosting a London party next month for its Moscow chiefs to market the event.

Until 1986 the Russians used Moscow Narodny in London for their gold dealing.

Then it switched the job largely to Zurich and later back home to Moscow.

Hopes Now London is attracting them again and hopes were high among bullion men as they will be operating in the capital much more.

Robert Guy, head of the London bullion market, said that the glasnost is making Soviet bullion types much more relaxed about discussing market affairs with the West.

The guests are part of a Russian mission organised by the British Invisibles Export Council.

'Profitability of the project is now lost'

Gulf war over but Mitsui wants out of Iran plant

TOKYO, Aug 31. (Reuters) The Japanese company Mitsui had almost completed what would have been one of the largest and most expensive petrochemical plants in the world when the Iran-Iraq war started in 1980.

Now the war appears to be over and while many companies are leaping at the chance to make money out of reconstruction, Mitsui wants to have nothing more to do with the project.

The profitability of the project is now lost, a spokesman said.

The complex, involving 13 separate petrochemical plants covering three square km (1.1 sq miles) on Iran's Gulf shore at a place now called Bandar Khomeini, was bogged down from the beginning.

Crises It survived two oil crises and the Islamic revolution in 1979, only to be bombed repeatedly by the Iraqis who wanted both to make sure it would not go into production and to discourage Japan from helping Iran any further, analysts said.

The Iran-Japan Petrochemical Company (IJPC) project was valued at 600 billion yen (nearly \$5 billion at current exchange rates), of which Japanese com-

panies, mostly from the Mitsui Group, put up half.

The amounts of money were so huge that Japanese engineers stayed with the plant for four years after the war broke out. They finally pulled out in 1984 after a particularly bad Iraqi air raid.

Mitsui has since been trying to find a way out of that would allow them to claim the money back on insurance.

Asked why Mitsui was not interested in trying to recoup some of its investment by reviving the project in a new era of peace, one industry analyst said: "Because I think that investment is now worth nil."

"I think the destruction is so bad, it would cost more to try to reconstruct Bandar Khomeini than it would be to start again from the beginning. You've got to dismantle the thing now."

"It was 85 per cent complete before the war started and now it's just a pile of rubble as far as I'm aware. So what is there to reconstruct nothing."

Damaged "And even if it hadn't been badly damaged, it would have been so badly rusted there's nothing they could do with it anyway. These are very delicate

plants," the analyst said.

"It has been a huge financial blow to our company," said the Mitsui spokesman. "We have had to write off nearly 100 billion yen (\$750 million) for this project. Damage was big enough to affect our employees' morale."

Mitsui has been trying for years to persuade its partner in the project — the Iranian government — to declare the project null and void due to the war damage, because it would then be eligible for insurance payments.

Plans

But both the Iranian and Japanese governments have been reluctant to agree to Mitsui's plans.

The Bandar Khomeini plant, had it been put into operation, would have been a world-class complex which would have given Iran huge power within the oil industry. Analysts say Tehran is apparently loath to give up on the deal.

The Japanese government sees scrapping the project as politically embarrassing and is worried about the insurance payments, analysts say.

The Japanese companies involved have covered their 350 billion yen (\$2.61 billion) invest-

ment, which includes interest, either by preparing bad loan provisions or by filing risk notes to reserve the right to claim protection under the government's overseas investment insurance.

"The reason Mitsui wants to get out cleanly is that it then becomes a clear-cut insurance claim," said the industry analyst, who asked not to be identified.

"Obviously, the (Japanese) government is hesitating. It wants Mitsui to go ahead with it. As far as I'm aware, the size of the insurance claim could virtually bankrupt the insurance system."

An alternative would be for Mitsui to just pull out. "But they (Mitsui) just cannot say so because Iran may ask for damage loss compensation if Mitsui withdrew unilaterally," said an oil industry source.

The industry analyst said the Saga has had a debilitating effect on Mitsui Group, one of the world's largest trading and construction companies.

"It's been a tremendous drag for years," he said. "It has severely inhibited the company's views towards developing any other projects. I think that's been the greatest damage."

Bank of Japan will not raise discount rate, says Miyazawa

TOKYO, Aug 31. (UPI) The Bank of Japan will not raise its official discount rate in line with a rise in the rates of major European banks, Finance Minister Kichi Miyazawa said today.

Miyazawa told reporters prices are under control in Japan so there is no reason for the discount rate to be increased for the time being.

The Bank of Japan's discount rate, the interest rate charged to major banks, is currently set at 2.5 per cent and was last changed in February 1987 when the rate was dropped 0.5 per cent from 3.0 per cent.

Increase

The last increase in the Bank of Japan's discount rate came in March 1980 when the bank increased the rate 1.75 per cent to 9.0 per cent.

The West German Bundesbank raised its discount rate 0.5 per cent to 3.5 per cent on Thursday, followed by increases at several other European central banks.

Japan will not cut its public works spending in reaction to fears that such spending could contribute to inflationary pressures, Miyazawa said.

US economy shows signs of slowing as interest rates rise

WASHINGTON, Aug 31. (Reuters) The US economy showed signs of slowing down in July under the impact of rising interest rates as a leading gauge of economic activity fell and factory orders declined.

But economists, commenting after the government data was released yesterday, said it might be a healthy development since it could reduce inflationary pressure.

"This suggests the economy may be about to slow down a bit," said David Wyss, senior vice-president of Data Resources Inc., based in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Activity "That's not unhealthy," he added. "The pace in the first half was too strong given that unemployment was at a 14-year low."

The US Commerce Department said the index of leading economic indicators, an impor-

tant barometer of future economic activity, fell 0.8 per cent last month. The index had risen 1.4 per cent in June.

In addition, the department said orders placed with US factories dropped 3.5 per cent in July after expanding by 5.4 per cent in June.

Growth The White House shrugged off the declines, with spokesman BJ Cooper saying: "The data suggests continued economic growth in the months ahead although at a more moderate pace than in the first half."

A growing economy usually benefits the party in power and the Republicans have pointed proudly to nearly six years of uninterrupted growth under the Reagan administration.

Concern about inflation, driven by higher wage demands because of labour shortages, has prompted the policy-making

Federal Reserve Board to try to restrain credit growth.

John Hagans, vice-president of WFEA group in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, said some easing in economic expansion in second half of 1988 might forestall more credit-tightening moves by the Federal Reserve.

The Fed last acted on Aug 9, when it raised the prime rate — the discount rate it charges for loans to member banks — leading them to raise consumer borrowing rates.

Weaker

Seven out of nine measures of economic activity that are combined in the leading indicators index were weaker in July.

Hagens said that might be evidence the Fed's prolonged effort to restrict credit and cool the economy was paying off, although the reports do not gauge any impact of rise in the prime rate.

Brazil votes to restrict mineral exploration

BRASILIA, Aug 31. (Reuters) Brazil's constituent assembly voted yesterday to restrict exploration and development of the country's vast mineral wealth to Brazil-controlled companies.

The decision will be incorporated into the new constitution due to be finished next month. It confirms a vote taken in April in the first round of the assembly's deliberations.

In April foreign companies reacted strongly to the vote. The Brazilian subsidiary of British Petroleum said then: "This decision undermines the country's credibility as a place to invest."

Exporter

Yesterday British Petroleum had no comment on the final vote.

Brazilian mining interests welcomed the decision. Brazil is the world's leading iron exporter, the second biggest tin producer after Malaysia and

the sixth gold producer.

Francisco Fernandes, an official at the government's National Council of Scientific and Technological Development, said foreign companies would adapt and find Brazilian partners as many have already done.

"It is not a hostile act. Foreign capital remains welcome in Brazil," said Fernandes, who advised Congress on the mineral issue.

Peter Rich, a Rio-based mining consultant, said of the vote: "It has put Brazil more or less in the same situation as Australia and Canada who want their wealth controlled by their own people. It's just following a world trend."

According to the government's National Department of Mineral Production, there are 55 companies with majority foreign ownership exploiting minerals in Brazil.

World Business Summary

Oil production stopped by pipeline explosion

MEXICO CITY, Aug 31. (AP) Production at three oil refineries was suspended after a pipeline explosion that killed 12 people and injured 14, an official of the state-owned oil monopoly Pemex said. The explosion early Sunday in the 300-mile (480 kilometre) line cut supplies to refineries in Ciudad Madero, near the northeastern city of Tampico, Cadereita, near the northern city of Monterrey, and Salinas, in the central state of Guanajuato. Three shiploads of oil were headed for the refineries on Monday and they were expected to resume operations after being resupplied. Abundio Juarez Mendez, deputy director of primary production at Pemex, said in remarks quoted by the government news agency Notimex. The 15-year-old pipeline was expected to be repaired by this morning, he said. Juarez Mendez said toxic gases from a pipeline leak near the town of Angel Cabada, 270 miles (435 kilometres) east of Mexico City in Veracruz state, "caused the deaths of three minors, and several hours later a flame caused an explosion that cost the lives of eight victims." A twelfth man died on Monday from injuries suffered in the explosion, said Guadalupe Gonzalez Garrillo, an official with the Angel Cabada municipal government. Between 18,000 and 20,000 barrels of crude were lost through the leak before the pipeline exploded, Juarez Mendez said. The cause of the explosion was under investigation, Pemex said.

New incentives to encourage foreign firms to explore oil

JAKARTA, Aug 31. (Reuters) OPEC-member Indonesia announced new incentives today to encourage foreign companies to step up the hunt for oil despite the fall in world crude prices. Energy Minister Gijun Kartasmita told a news conference the changes included tax breaks, improved production terms and simplified procedures. "We are trying to maintain investment momentum in the oil sector," Gijun said. "The goal is to step up exploration so that new reserves can be found." Indonesia, the only Asian member of the OPEC, has been worried by falling levels of exploration by foreign contractors hit by the slump in world oil prices. "We have to watch the competition from other countries," Gijun said. Gijun, speaking before leaving on visits to Japan and South Korea, announced easier terms for marginal fields, tax concessions and incentives to hunt for oil in areas designated as "frontier" zones. He said the normal production split of 85/15 in favour of the state oil company Pertamina would be revised to 80/20 in frontier fields producing under 50,000 barrels per day. "We are trying to create a better investment climate, while safeguarding our national interests, and to see that our natural resources are properly exploited," said Gijun, who took over as energy minister in March. Foreign oil companies planned a 30 per cent reduction in spending in Indonesia for the 1988/89 financial year starting in March, cutting operating and exploration costs to \$2.3 billion from 3.2 billion, according to Pertamina.

IFAD loan for Venezuelan rural development programme

ROME, Aug 31. (OPECNA) The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will co-finance a rural development programme to be launched in the Venezuelan state of Sucre with a loan of \$10.80 million. The project, costing a total of \$20 million, is expected to substantially increase output of agricultural crops and fish breeding for around 4,000 poor farmers and fishermen in the region. The programme will provide for the construction of access roads and 12 small irrigation schemes, while collection and cold storage facilities will be built for fishermen. The scheme also aims at increasing employment opportunities and providing five-fold increases in the incomes of the farmers and fishermen.

The project's launch was first discussed when Venezuelan President Jaime Lusinchi made an official visit here in June. The loan agreement was signed here on Monday between Venezuelan Minister of Finance Dr Hector Hurtado and IFAD vice president Donald Brown. The Venezuelan government will contribute \$9.10 million towards the cost of the project, while a grant of \$120,000 from the United Nations Development Programme will be used on specialised consultancy services.

Egypt to cut oil prices

CAIRO, Aug 31. (AP) Egypt decided today to lower the export prices of all grades of Egyptian crude oil by 50 cents a barrel because of a "continuing glut" on the world oil market. Hassan Ayoun, foreign sales director at the Oil Ministry, said the reductions will be effective from Thursday through Sept 15. The drop was the second in a row after a 90-cent Aug 16-31 decrease. Ayoun said the move was necessitated by "the continuing glut and unstable conditions in the world market." The new prices are \$12.75 a barrel for Gulf of Suez, Egypt's top blend, \$11.90 for Belayim, \$10.75 for Ras Badran and \$10.45 a barrel for Ras Ghareb. The prices are identical to those of July, before the ministry decreed a 1.40 per-barrel increase across the board. Egypt is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries but generally follows OPEC policies. Egyptian wells produce 870,000 barrels a day, half of which are exported under long-term contracts. The Oil Ministry reviews prices every 15 days.

UAE exports on the rise

ABU DHABI, Aug 31. (KUNA) The total trade of Abu Dhabi during the first seven months of 1988 was over Dh5.1 billion, nearly a Dh1 billion more than the same period of last year, according to Customs Department figures. Abu Dhabi's total imports between January and July were Dh 3.7 billion compared to Dh 3.1 billion in the same period of 1987, figures published in the English language daily, Emirates News, showed. Exports rose over the same period from Dh 263 million to Dh 846 million in 1987 to Dh 1.2 billion this year. The total value of trade reported by the department excludes petroleum exports and certain government imports, such as defence equipment, the paper said. It said total trade rose from Dh 4.17 billion in the first seven months of 1987 to Dh 5.13 billion this year. The top exporter to the Emirate during this year was the United States, followed by Britain and Japan. The top importer was Saudi Arabia, followed by Qatar and Kuwait, while the top destination for Abu Dhabi's re-exports was Qatar.

New project loans approved

VIENNA, Aug 31. (OPECNA) The governing board of the OPEC Fund for International Development today approved six new project loans in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

The board, in its 44th session here, approved the loans for Bolivia, Botswana, Guinea, Nepal, Seychelles and St Vincent the Grenadines. Bolivia will get \$3.2 million for rehabilitation and expansion of infrastructure. Botswana will spend \$1.5 million on its Nata-Maun road project. Guinea will receive a \$4 million credit for its second rural primary schools project. Nepal will get \$2.5 million for its technical schools project. Seychelles will spend \$1 million on the Plaisance development project. St Vincent the Grenadines will also receive \$1 million for its Leeward highway rehabilitation.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON (Alpha Stocks)		
NAME	LAST	182/4
ABBEY LIFE	302/0	254/0
ADT LTD	132/4	242/0
ALD LYONS	388/4	434/0
AMSTRAD	202/0	545/0
ARGYLL GP	173/0	399/0
ASDA GP	52/00	385/0
BAA	258/0	299/0
BTR	263/0	247/0
BAT INDS	441/0	521/0
BARCLAYS	400/0	209/0
BASS	753/0	155/0
BEAZER	160/0	197/0
BECHAMS	464/0	209/0
BEESFORD	370/0	263/0
BICC PLC	335/4	396/0
BLUE ARW	94/0	396/0
BLUE CIRC	415/0	208/0
BOC GP	393/0	271/0
BOOTS CO	207/0	560/0
BPB INDS	271/0	470/0
BR COMH	223/0	705/0
BR AIRWAY	145/0	199/0
BR AEROSP	468/0	57/34
BR GAS RT	173/0	298/0
BR GAS RT	172/0	03/25
BR LAMB	312/0	407/0
B.P.	239/0	676/0
B.P.PP	140/0	898/0
BR TELCOM	231/0	402/0
BURTON	512/0	401/0
CABLEWIR	33/13	401/0
CADBURYS	363/0	401/0
COATS VTY	341/0	401/0
COMS GOLD	987/0	401/0
COOKSONS	38/76	401/0
COURTAULD	10/50	401/0
DALGETY	326/0	401/0
DEE CP	170/0	401/0
DIXONS	151/0	401/0
ENG CHINA	452/0	401/0
ENTER OIL	440/0	401/0
FKI BARCK	117/0	401/0
FERRANTI	89/41	401/0
GEN ACCID	875/0	401/0
GEN ELEC	152/0	401/0
GLAXO	966/0	401/0
GRAMAD	293/0	401/0
GLOBE	138/5	401/0
GLYNED	284/0	401/0
GRAND MET	493/0	401/0
GUARD RYL	177/0	401/0
GKN	313/0	401/0
GUINNESS	303/0	401/0
HANSON	615/0	401/0
HARRISON	136/5	401/0
HILLERSON	613/0	401/0
HUKER SID	510/0	401/0
HILLSDOWN	266/4	401/0
ICI	998/0	401/0

LONDON (Beta Stocks)		
NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALICE	732/0	732/0
600 GROUP	107/0	107/0
A.AMER TS	353/0	355/0
A.S.ELECT	399/0	397/0
A.S.W.HLD	175/0	176/0
AAB KENT	76/0	76/0
AAH HLD	256/0	256/0
AARONSON	118/0	117/0
ADDISON	36/0	36/0
ADWEST	319/0	319/0
ALEX WRXW	152/0	153/0
ALEXON	360/0	360/0
ALD COLL	121/0	122/0
AMERSHAM	608/0	607/0
AM HLTCH	256/4	249/0
ANGLO TV	173/0	172/0
ANSBACHER	201/0	202/0
APPELWAY	475/0	475/0
APV PLC	114/0	115/0
AQUAS.A.	71/0	70/0
ARAH ENGY	62/0	63/0
ARCHER A.J.	148/0	148/0
ARLINGTON	144/0	144/0
ARMSTRONG	120/0	120/0
ASHLEY.LA	109/0	106/0
ATLANTIC CN	491/0	492/0
ATTWOODS	271/0	273/0
AUTO SECS	257/0	260/0
AVOEL PLC	57/4	58/0
AVIS EUR	342/0	343/0
AVON RUBB	719/0	718/0
B.WEIMILL	175/0	176/0
BAILL JAF	474/0	473/0
BAILL SHI	79/0	79/0
BAIRD (W)	256/0	255/0
BANK LRE	229/0	229/0
BANKER IT	70/0	71/0
BARKER DO	139/0	140/0
BART DEV	169/0	170/0
BAYNES C.	26/0	27/0
BGA GRAP	159/0	162/0
BEAR B.WT	3/0	3/0
BEAR BRND	7/4	8/0
BEATTIE J.	140/0	141/0
BEJAH GP	157/4	157/0
BELHAVEN	52/0	53/0
BELLWAY	234/0	233/0
BENROSE	215/0	215/0
BENLOX	49/0	50/0
BERKELEY	283/0	284/0
BHAM MINT	402/0	403/0
BHM GROUP	94/0	95/0
BK OF SCO	345/0	346/0
BLCK L2	13/2	13/0
BNETT +F	36/0	37/0
BOASE MAS	233/0	234/0
BODDINGTON	141/0	141/0
BOEY SHP	573/0	575/0
BOOTH HENR	385/0	383/0

World Indices				
INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 IND	1409.4	1409.9	1425.4	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	995.0	995.0	1016.3	957.6
FT ALL SHR	911.07	911.07	921.68	870.22
FT GOV SEC	86.72	86.72	86.83	88.49
FT GOLD HEC	197.2	197.2	200.1	302.1
FT MINES F	518.03	518.03	521.99	450.65
FT OIL	1707.3	1707.3	1717.9	1663.6
FT MLD DLR	122.96	122.96	124.26	115.04
FT MLD STG	107.84	107.84	108.40	90.79
FT MLD LOC	113.34	113.28	114.07	99.08

London Stock Market Report				
U.K. EQUITIES BOUYED BY WALL STREET IN LATE TRADE				
LONDON, AUG 31, REUTER - A SLIGHTLY FIRMER OPENING ON WALL STREET HELPED TO BUY U.K. EQUITIES IN LATE TRADING, IN A MARKET ALREADY UNDERPINNED BY GOOD COMPANY RESULTS AND FRESH ACTION ON THE BID FRONT, DEALERS SAID.				
HOWEVER, RETAIL INTEREST WAS VERY LIGHT WITH LAST WEEK'S HIGHER THAN EXPECTED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT AND ONE POINT HIKE IN INTEREST RATES STILL KEEPING MANY INVESTORS ON THE SIDELINES. THERE ARE STILL FEARS THAT REVENUED DOWNWARD PRESSURE ON STERLING WILL PROMPT ANOTHER RISE IN THE COST OF BORROWING.				
AT 1430 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS 3.2 POINTS UP AT 1,758.0 WITH VOLUME AT 1400 GMT JUST 294 MLLN LEADING SHARES.				
THE POUND WAS BASICALLY STEADY, JUST ONE BASIS POINT DOWN IN TRADE-WEIGHTED TERMS AT 75.7 AND THE THREE-MONTH STERLING INTERBANK RATE, A GUIDE TO THE LEVEL OF BASE RATES, WAS LITTLE CHANGED AT 12-3/8 1/4 PCT COMPARED WITH 12 PCT BASE RATES.				
ALTHOUGH THE TREND OF U.S. SHARES IS GOING TO BE A MAJOR INFLUENCE ON OUR MARKET IN THE NEAR TERM, EVERYONE'S EYES ARE ON THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND INTEREST RATE MARKETS. ONE TRADER SAID.				
WHAT GAINS THERE HAVE BEEN TODAY REPRESENT VERY THIN ICING ON WHAT IS A VERY DULL CAKE, ANOTHER TRADER COMMENTED. "I CAN'T SEE US GOING ANYWHERE BUT SIDWAYS OR DOWN WITH VOLUME SO LOW."				

London Gold				
LONDON, AUG 31, REUTER - GOLD BULLION EXTENDED THE RECOVERY BEGUN THIS AFTERNOON WITH SHORT-COVERING BY PROFESSIONALS, AND PRICES CLOSED HIGHER ON THE DAY.				
GOLD CLOSED AT 429.75/430.25 DLRS AN OUNCE, UP 1.75 DLRS FROM YESTERDAY'S CLOSE, AFTER TRADING LOWER FOR MOST OF THE DAY.				
DEALERS SAID THE PRICE WAS LIFTED BY SHORT-COVERING FROM PROFESSIONALS WHO HAD AGGRESSIVELY SOLD DURING MORNING TRADING IN LONDON, AND LATER AS THE MARKET APPROACHED ITS SESSION LOWS OF 426.00/426.50 DLRS.				
THEY WERE ENCOURAGED TO COVER BY SLIGHTLY HIGHER NEW YORK COMEX GOLD FUTURES PRICES.				

Foreign Exchange					
	DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	
DLR	---	1.6800/10	1.8775/85	6.3720/40	
STG	1.6810/20	---	3.5580/6515	10.6865/7015	
DMK	1.8708/8788	3.146/160	---	29.960/550	
FFR	6.359/371	10.692/710	339.05/69	---	
SFR	1.5820/5830	2.6593/6626	84.35/45	24.86/89	
NFL	2.1175	3.5595	112.905	33.275	
ECU	1.10568	.657749	2.07557	7.04349	
SDR	1.29307	0.767537	2.41998	8.21099	
YEN	136.50	229.45/77	---	---	
SDR RATES	30/08/1988		OTHERS	31/08/1988	

NEW YORK		
NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A.BSCH CON	29/7	29/6
ATLANTIC R	82/3	82/2
ARR CORP	24/2	24/0
ABBOTT LAB	46/7	46/6
ACME CLVD	9/6	9/6
ADV MICRO	11/7	11/6
AEROF LAB	0	7/4
AETNA LIFE	47/6	47/7
AMERSON	15/1	14/7
ALASKA AIR	40/7	40/5
ALBERTSONS	19/3	19/2
ALBMA 8-16	35/1	35/0
ALCAN ALUM	30/4	30/4
ALCO STANO	24/6	24/6
AM CYNAMID	48/2	47/7
AM ELET PH	27/3	27/1
AM HON PRO	78/0	78/0
AM HON PRO	79/5	79/7
AM STANO	0	77/6
AM STORES	50/2	50/0
AM TEL-TEL	25/1	25/1
AMOCO CORP	75/4	75/2
AMP INC	43/0	42/6
AMPCO PITT	12/2	12/3
AMR CORP	42/0	42/0
AMR GEN CO	33/7	33/7
AMERADA HE	26/6	26/6
ANTHEM ELE	11/5	11/4
APACHE PET	2/5	2/5
ARMSTRONG	33/0	33/0
ASHMO OIL	36/0	36/0
ASIA PACIF	5/7	6/0
ATLS CORP	0	36/4
AVERY INT	21/6	21/6
AVNET INC	20/0	20/0
AVON PRODS	29/6	29/6
BCE INC	39/7	39/6
BELLSOUTH	26/4	26/7
BETH STEEL	21/0	20/6
BEVERLY	5/7	5/6
BK BOSTON	27/5	27/3
BK BOSTON	0	45/1
BK N-YORK	34/5	34/4
BK TR-NY	37/5	37/4
BKAMERICA	14/0	14/0
BKAM SPEC	0	6/6
BOEING CO	59/6	59/4
BOISE CAS	42/3	42/4
BORD IN GLD	10/3	10/3
BORND	52/4	52/4
BOYATER	29/7	30/0
BR TELECOM	39/0	39/1
BRIGGS-STR	29/0	28/6
BRIST-MYER	42/7	42/6
BRUNSWICK	19/4	19/5
BURNDY CO	18/0	17/7
C 3 INC	11/6	11/6
CABOT CORP	39/7	39/5
CAESARS W	25/5	25/4
CAL FREIGHT	22/2	21/7
CAS NAT GS	14/2	14/2
CAT-CKOKE	25/6	25/6
CATERPI TR	56/7	56/7
CB I IND	0	28/3
CBS	160/0	160/0
CEN TEL	41/3	41/2
CHAMP INTL	32/3	32/2
CHAMP SPA	12/0	12/0
CHARTER CO	3/6	3/6
CHASE MAN	28/5	28/6
CHENED CP	30/4	30/3
CHENIC BAK	31/5	31/7
CHEVRON	44/5	44/6
CHRYSLER	22/7	22/6
CHUBB CORP	55/6	55/6
CHUR FR CH	6/4	6/3
CIGNA CORP	49/3	49/4
CIR CIT ST	21/7	21/7
CIRCLE K	33/6	33/7
CITICORP	24/1	24/1
CLARK EQUI	29/5	29/4
CLOREX	31/1	30/7
COMBIL RES	1/1	1/0
CONPBL SP	26/7	27/1
CAN PAC	16/7	16/7
COACHMEN	10/4	10/5
COASTAL	35/1	35/1
COCA-COLA	40/4	40/3
COLECO	2/0	1/7
COLEMAN CO	36/5	36/4
COLG-PALM	43/0	43/0
COLUMB-C	34/2	34/2
COM EDISON	30/0	30/0
CONAGRA	30/6	30/5
CON EDISON	43/1	43/0
CONTINENTAL	39/2	39/2
CONYL ILLN	003	003
CONTEL CP	35/2	35/3
COOPER T-R	22/3	22/0
COOPER CO	19/6	19/6
CORNING GL	58/4	58/4
CRANE	29/2	29/1
CRAY RES	81/0	80/1
CULLINET	5/5	5/6
DANIEL IND	0	9/1
DATA GEN	18/6	18/4
DAYPOINT	4/7	4/7
DAYTON HLD	37/7	37/6
DECE	94/6	94/3
DEERE CO	43/4	43/4
DELTA AIR	47/0	47/0
DIAMOND SN	13/4	13/4
DIEBOLD	36/6	36/7
DISENY W	62/5	62/5
DOVER CORP	58/4	58/3
DOW CHEMIC	84/5	84/2
DOW JONES	33/3	33/1
DRESSER IN	31/0	31/1
DREYFUS	25/6	25/7
DUKE POWER	44/0	43/6
DUN BRAD	48/0	47/7
DUPONT	80/5	80/1
DYNESQUE	15/2	15/2
DYNAMICS	23/1	23/1
E SYSTEMS	28/2	28/2
EAGLE PICH	0	29/0
EASTERN G	24/2	24/2
EMERSON EL	29/0	28/7
ETHYL CP	3/3	3/3
EXON	21/3	21/3
EXON	46/7	46/5
FAM DOL ST	14/2	14/2
FED NAT MO	46/1	45/7
FELDCREST	22/7	23/1
FIN COR-AM	10	11
FLEETWOOD	21/1	20/7
FMC CORP	34/2	34/4
FORD MOTOR	49/4	49/1
FORT MONAR	51/6	51/7
FOXBORO CO	0	28/1
FRCHLD IND	10/4	10/5
FST BANK	20/4	20/3

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices				
INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	312.2	309.6	315.8	259.3
AUSTRIA	221.6	221.3	222.0	215.4
BELGIUM	378.9	376.4	378.1	260.2
CANADA	427.5	356.4	354.7	350.7
DENMARK	427.7	427.7	428.6	336.6
FRANCE	359.8	357.8	358.5	288.5
GERMANY	181.2	179.1	180.0	156.6
HONG KONG	1800.7	1809.0	1809.4	1644.3
FINLAND	116.9	118.1	119.5	108.1
ITALY	415.1	418.5	417.7	377.4
JAPAN	1263.2	1261.7	1272.2	1022.3
NETHERLANDS	253.7	254.3	254.3	215.9
NEW ZEAL	98.5	97.5	98.7	98.9
NORWAY	457.7	459.2	458.8	392.4
SPORE	581.5	579.7	594.5	473.1
SPAIN	252.7	254.4	255.7	209.5
SWEDEN	907.2	901.4	903.9	856.8
SWITZ	158.9	158.4	159.7	140.7
U.K.	529.2	535.1	535.0	515.7
U.S.A.	242.0	241.9	239.4	229.4
WORLD	433.8	433.8	435.3	408.0
E.A.F.F.E.	810.9	811.2	819.4	757.5

International Bond Highlights

Interbank Rates

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Currency rates

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.28470	0.28620
Sig.	0.48030	0.48310
D m	0.15210	0.15300
S. fr.	0.18020	0.18120
F fr	0.04485	0.04515
It. lira	0.0002050	0.0002075
Jap yen	0.0021095	0.0021225
Bh. dinar	0.75520	0.75935
UAE dh.	0.07750	0.07755
S. riyal	0.07590	0.07635
Qat. riyal	0.07820	0.07865
Om. riyal	0.73950	0.74355



Qatar Steel Company makes profits for first time

Speaking on the eve of the 17th anniversary of Qatar's independence, he said that the company had recorded losses in previous years due to a fall in world steel prices coupled with stiff competition in the Gulf market.

In an interview with the Qatar News Agency, Al Subaie stressed that the company had maintained an annual production of 500,000 tons, despite the fluctuations in prices over the past few years.

This year, QASCO was targeted to produce 509,580 tons of steel compared with 493,000 and 503,000 tons for 1986 and 1987, respectively.

The chairman said that 85 percent of QASCO's production was exported to member countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) while the remainder was consumed domestically.

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SINGAPORE STOCKS CLOSE HIGHER IN THIN TRADE
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ZEPHIE

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	OE BUEHR I	1190	1210
BAER HDGS	12825	13000	OE BUEHR N	285.00	290.00
BALOISE PS	2300	2275	OE BUEHR P	280.00	280.00
BBC I A	2270	2275	ROCHE BABY	11925	11950
BK LEU I	3000	3000	ROCHE I	0	85000
BK LEU M	2650	2660	RUECKVER I	12100	12100
BK LEU PS	416	423	RUECKVER N	6100	6150
CFV	1150	1150	RUECKVER P	1825	1850
CIB GEIG I	3290	3315	RY TR BK	1210	1220
CIB GEIG M	1600	1635	S BNKGSGL I	3180	3200
CIB GEIG P	2125	2135	S BNKGSGL N	610	610
CKM	1230	1230	S BNKGSGL P	113.50	113.50
CRED SUI I	2500	2500	S BNKCVN I	357	358
CRED SUI M	476	475	S BNKCVN N	286.00	286.00
EG LAUFEN	0	1835	S BNKCVN P	291	290
ELEKTROMAT	2900	2900	SANDOZ I	12275	12300
ENS CHEM I	3600	3650	SANDOZ M	5605	5625
ENS CHEM P	0	0	SANDOZ PS	1985	1990
GLOBUS I	7150	7150	SULZER N	4790	4745
GLOBUS N	0	6300	SULZER PS	465	465
GLOBUS PS	1175	1150	SVB	1695	1710
JACOBS S I	7500	7500	SWISSAIR	1140	1135
JACOBS S M	1300	1320	SWISSAIR N	1000	990
JACOBS S P	610	625	U THUR I	5225	5200
JELI I	2745	2770	U THUR N	2650	2625
JELI PS	375	380	U THUR PS	673	675
LANDIS N	1250	1250	ZURICH I	5475	5525
LANDIS PS	115.00	116.00	ZURICH N	2600	2625
LEGRY I	755	750	ZURICH PS	1810	1810

Kuwait dinar deposit rates firm in light trading

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates firmed in light trade yesterday as banks, taking advantage of a rise of the dollar in world markets, sold dinars to buy the US currency.

Tomorrow-next and spot-next rose to six, five per cent, after offers of one on Tuesday, as a result of banks borrowing dinar funds to nav for the dollars.

But dealers said the market nonetheless remained liquid from last week's salary payments.

Offering
A KD 100 million Treasury bill offering issued yesterday was heavily oversubscribed, with banks offering bids for KD 255

Overnight rates were offered at two per cent, but banks made no bids as they raced to place funds from their

The fixed dates saw little activity, with one month unchanged at 6-1/4, six and three months 1/16 point firmer at 6-5/16, 1/16.

Six months and one-year were little changed at 6-3/8, 1/8 and 6-1/2, 1/8. Dealers said the Central Bank offered two and three week funds to hold rates steady.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar-to-dollar exchange rate to 0.28571/81 from 0.28521/11 on Tuesday. Commercial banks quoted 0.28571/75.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal deposits fluctuated in moderate trade yesterday, with rates for fixed-period deposits first easing amid high liquidity then recovering in response to a surge of borrowing demand.

Some kingdom dealers said the demand was fuelled by renewed interest in building long dollar positions to take advantage of higher US interest rates.

Others said the rise in rates was marked mainly by speculation.

Dropped
Spot-next funds initially dropped, with offers put at 4-1/4 per

cent after quotes of 6-7/8, 3/8 on Tuesday. It later edged up to 5-1/2, five per cent. One-week rose 1/4 point to 7-1/4, 6-3/4 per cent. One-month eased to 8-1/16.

eight per cent from 8-1/4, 1/8 then climbed to 8-5/16, 3/16 per cent. Trade was reported at 8-1/16 per cent.

on the offer side to 8-1/2, 7/16 per cent then rose to 8-3/4, 9/16. Six-months firmed to 9-1/8, 8-15/16 per cent with trade reported at

One-year was relatively steady at 9-1/4, 1/8 per cent with business expected at those levels.

Yen sinks

Dollar firms as Japan rules out rate hike

LONDON, Aug 31. (Reuters): The yen sagged today after the Japanese central bank ruled out joining the United States and Western European nations in raising interest rates.

Investors snapped up dollars, betting that relatively high US interest rates would keep returns high on dollar-denominated bank accounts and bonds.

Wall Street was little changed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average dipped 0.89 points to 2,037.34 at New York's midday. London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip shares slipped 1.2 points to 1,753.6 and Tokyo's Nikkei average fell 145.70 points to 27,365.95.

Gained

The dollar rose about a penny to 1.8780 West German marks and gained more than a cent to trade at about \$1.6835 to the British pound sterling.

The yen dipped as low as 136.75 to the dollar, down 2.3 yen or 1.7 per cent.

"This has been a massive move for the yen after such a long period of stability," a London dealer said.

Dealers said the decline followed news that the Bank of Japan did not plan to raise its discount rate from 2.5 per cent.

Last week six European central banks, including West Germany's Bundesbank and the Bank of England, increased key rates. The US Federal Reserve put up its discount rate on Aug 9 from six to 6.5 per cent, its first change in almost a year.

Sure

"At least for the short term, it's pretty sure bet that you're going to do pretty well if you're short (selling) the yen," said Teri Reid of Chicago-based Harris Trust and Savings Bank.

A Japanese news report that Japan may impose a tax of up to 26 per cent on profits from some stock transactions also hit the yen.

Meanwhile, in ruling out any rise in the Japanese discount rate from the present 2.5 per cent — a level in force since February, 1987 — the Bank of Japan sources said they did not regard recent yen moves against the dollar as significant.

Currency dealers expected trading to be relatively quiet until Friday's release of US employment data for August, the first major indication of the likely direction of the US economy this month.

Bullish

"I don't think the market is as bullish as it was last week... then we all wanted to see 1.90 marks," a German dealer said.

Some dealers said the Bank of Japan seemed to be trying to engineer a significant weakening of the yen.

In a commentary in London on Wednesday morning, US-based Mellon Bank said it appeared the Japanese central bank wanted the yen back down to the original Louvre Accord (February 1987) range of 138 to 153.00 to the dollar.

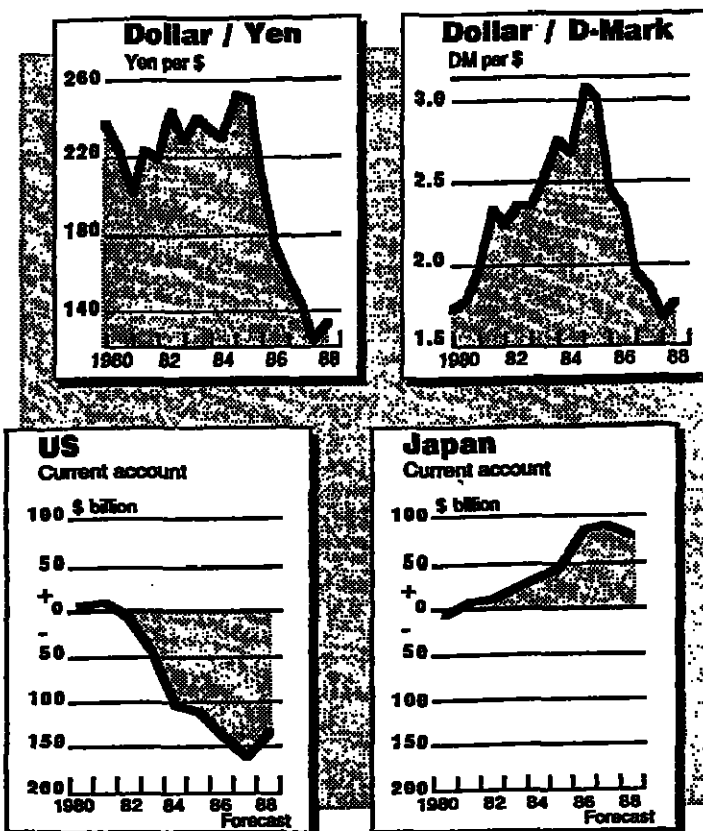
"Coming on top of speculation of possible taxation on profits on some stock transactions, they (the Bank of Japan) may find they'll see significant moves very soon," Mellon said.

Weak

Dealers said the pound sterling's tone remained weak after last Thursday's announcement of a record British balance of payments deficit in July but added it was unlikely to move much while the currency market's attention was focused on the dollar.

Leading West Germany shares firmed fractionally across the board in dull turnover in Frankfurt, following similarly directionless trading in Tokyo and New York.

French share prices started the screen-based continuous session slightly higher in an extremely dull, directionless market.



dealers said.

In Sydney, share prices fell in thin, lacklustre trading. The All Ordinaries index dropped 10.4 points to 1,570.0.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index finished 4.25 higher at 2,443.80 after gaining 17 points in the morning session.

Gold was fixed in London this afternoon at \$427.75, the same as Tuesday afternoon's fix.

Oil prices firmed, with Brent crude from the North Sea trading at \$14.76 a barrel for delivery in October, up about 10 cents. In Chicago, wheat and corn (maize) prices fell.

In London a slightly firmer opening on Wall Street helped to buoy UK equities in late trading, in a market already underpinned by good company results and fresh action on the bid front, dealers said.

However, retail interest was very light with last week's higher than expected balance of payments deficit and one point hike in interest rates still keeping many investors on the sidelines.

There are still fears that renewed downward pressure on sterling will prompt another rise in the cost of borrowing.

At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 was 3.2 points up at 1,758.0 with volume at 1400 GMT just 294 million leading shares.

Steady

The pound was basically steady, just one basis point down in trade-weighted terms at 75.7 and the three-month sterling interbank rate, a guide to the level of base rates, was little changed at 12-3/8 (1/4 per cent) compared with 12 per cent base rates. "Although the trend of US shares is going to be a major

influence on our market in the near term, everyone's eyes are on the foreign exchange and interest rate markets," one trader said.

"What gains there have been today represent very thin icing on what is a very dull cake," another trader commented. "I can't see us going anywhere but sideways or down with volume so low."

Good interim figures from life insurance group Pearl and composite insurer Guardian Royal, together with an increased offer for property group Peachey and a bid for market research group AGB by a Maxwell Communication unit, helped keep the wider market alive, dealers said.

Peachey was by far the most active issue today with over 31.7 million shares changing hands for a 33p rise to 645 after an increased 650p per share offer from Dutch property group Wereldhave. The new offer values Peachey at some 282 million.

Peachey recently revised its estimate of its net asset value to 676p per share.

Wereldhave now holds 46.49 per cent of Peachey, up from an original 12.5 per cent. The extra shares were purchased at the new offer price of 650p per share. The hostile offer will be open for acceptance until 1200 GMT on Sept 19.

Strong

Property analysts said the continuing strong turnover in Peachey shares indicates that Wereldhave will gain control.

The new Peachey bid helped the rest of the property sector which gained 1.8 per cent overall.

Land Securities at 434 and MEPC at 524 were both 10p higher while Slough Estates firmed 7p to 293 after half-year results.

AGB was the second most active issue with over 10.8 million shares traded and a 3p rise to 217 after Pergamon Professional and Financial Services PLC made an agreed £134.2 million offer for the

group. Pergamon already owns 14.99 per cent of AGB.

Maxwell Communication announced half year pre-tax profits of £71.9 million compared with 70.5 million in 1987, at the lower end of dealers' expectations. Its shares were last 3p up at 199p.

Pearl Group, the parent of Pearl Assurance, stood 2p lower at 469 after a high of 472 on news of half year pre-tax profits up to £28.88 million from 21.88 million in 1987.

Stake

FAI Securities Ltd, an Australian group owned by Larry Adler, today announced it had raised its stake in Pearl to 8.09 per cent from 7.1 per cent. Analysts again said they doubted Adler would make a bid but thought it possible that he would sell his stake on to a potential bidder if the price were right.

Elsewhere in the insurance sector, Guardian Royal was unchanged at 176p after reporting first half profits of £11.7 million vs £2.2 million. Dealers said the results were towards the higher end of forecasts which ranged from £95 million to £115 million.

Exporters tended firmer as the pound held steady with ICI up 5p at 1,000 and Glaxo 6p higher at 947.

Oil group Burmah stood out with a 9p rise to 512, having been recently oversold, on light demand ahead of half year figures due next week.

The wider market stood mixed at the official close as Wall Street lost its earlier shine. The FTSE 100 ended 1.2 points off at 1,753.6 with volume at the close 357 million shares.

Tomorrow sees six month figures from Cadbury, Warburg's analysts are forecasting £75 million pre-tax, in line with the bulk of other market forecasts. This would compare with 63.6 million in the corresponding period last year.

GCC ministers formulate guidelines for EEC talks

RIYADH, Aug 31. (Agencies): Finance ministers of Gulf Arab states have worked out guidelines for talks with the European Economic Community (EEC) on a possible free trade pact, Saudi Arabian Finance Minister Sheikh Mohammed Ali Abal Khail said today.

Ministers from the six Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states discussed issues ranging from the talks to unifying customs and financial policies of the member states, Sheikh Mohammed said at the end of the two-day meeting.

Agreement

The two groups signed a trade and co-operation agreement in June and are due to discuss a wider pact. EEC tariffs on Gulf petrochemicals exports are among the issues to be settled.

The GCC countries — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain — have invested heavily in the petrochemicals industry in the last decade and say tariffs are unfair. The EEC is worried that cheap Gulf exports will flood the European market.

Sheikh Mohammed told reporters the finance ministers would meet again before the GCC summit in Bahrain in November.

Kuwait's Finance and Economy Minister Jasssem Mohammed Al Khorafi returned here today after leading the Kuwaiti delegation to the meetings of the GCC financial and economic co-operation committee in Riyadh.

Khorafi told KUNA that meetings agreed to entrust governors of GCC central banks with preparing a study on the benefits of establishing a common basket of currencies to stabilise GCC currency rates.

He added that the decision was adopted in light of attempts to increase financial co-operation among the six GCC states and co-ordinate budgetary classifications and final accounts systems. The committee, he asserted, approved a proposal for the application of tax laws in some



Jasssem Al Khorafi
GCC states. The proposal stipulates that a GCC citizen should be treated as a citizen of the country if he was living in a host country in matters relating to taxes.

During the two-day meetings, Khorafi said the participants discussed proposals on the article 24 of the united economic agreement which is related to exemption of tariffs at GCC ports.

The minister said that the committee has decided to delay taking a decision on this issue until further studies are conducted to ensure that the correct position is reached.

The committee also discussed the technical problems regarding acquisition of certificates of origin for industrial products and ways to overcome those problems, the minister said.

He added that such an issue will also be discussed at a meeting for the chief executives of the GCC states and a report will be submitted to the committee for further discussions.

Endorsement of a unified law on protecting national products has been postponed for further studying, Khorafi stated.

He said that the committee decided to exempt pure tobacco grown in GCC states from custom tariffs, but noted that a unanimous decision on increasing tariffs on foreign tobacco and its derivatives was not endorsed because of UAE's opposition.

Khorafi said the committee will meet again on November 9.

Committee to encourage Kuwait's exports

A KUWAITI committee of representatives from Kuwait Investment Authority, the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Industrial Bank of Kuwait and the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank was recently formed to encourage Kuwaiti exports, a local daily reported.

Quoting a reliable source, the daily said the committee was formed at the request of the Islamic Development Bank in keeping with the charter of the Islamic Fund related to financing exports.

The Islamic Fund was established during the Fifth Islamic Conference held in Kuwait in 1987. The capital of the fund is \$270 million to be provided by member states.

On Kuwait's export front, Kuwait's Ministry of Commerce and Industry indicated that non-oil exports during 1987 amounted to KD44 million, compared to about KD44 million in 1986. The report added that 94 per cent of these exports went to GCC countries — with 75 per cent going to Saudi Arabia.

Exports included steel sheds, auto-frames, steel pipes, prefabricated houses, cables, fibre glass, isolating materials, chemicals, paints, insecticides, publications, soft drinks and shortening.

The Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consulting is preparing economic and technical feasibility studies for Gulf and Arab joint projects in the field of petroleum derivatives and aluminium smelters, the report added.

New guidelines to give the go-ahead for investments

NEW DELHI, Aug 31. (KUNA): Guidelines for setting up joint ventures and subsidiaries abroad are being revised by the Indian government.

The changes envisaged include reduction in the minimum dividend to be repatriated by these companies. Presently, the minimum dividend is 50 per cent of the profit after tax, or 20 per cent of the accumulated reserves, whichever is higher.

The new guidelines will also give Indian promoters of joint ventures the go-ahead for new investment plans without waiting for approval from the Indian government. The companies will, however, have to seek post facto approval.

The change in the guideline is expected to benefit a large number of companies, which have not been able to proceed with plans because the government's clearance was delayed. While procedural bottlenecks are expected to be ironed out, it is also necessary to make more stringent appraisals of new joint ventures to be set up abroad.

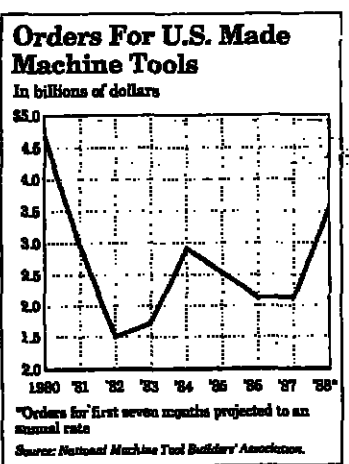
Bright outlook for US machine tools

PITTSBURGH, Aug 31. A reviving US machine tool industry, bolstered by a 57 per cent rise in July orders, puts its latest technology on display in Chicago next week. And for the first time this decade, industry executives won't have to fake enthusiasm as they greet prospective customers.

The resurgence in demand for US machine tools is likely to last at least through 1989 if the dollar doesn't climb much further, many economists and industry executives say. The demand is buoyed by the general health of US manufacturing industry, which would be undermined if the prices of US goods again soared because of a strong dollar, according to Wall Street Journal.

The International Machine Tool Show, which opens Sept 7, will showcase \$315 million of state-of-the-art manufacturing technology from 1,181 companies and 28 countries. Before it closes Sept 15, the show will be seen by 100,000 managers and engineers from around the world and may ring up \$1 billion in sales, according to its sponsor, the National Machine Tool Builders' Association.

"We expect a lot more customer interest this year than we had at the shows two years and four years ago," says Daniel J. Meyer, president of Cincinnati Milacron Inc., the largest US machine tool producer.



Machine tools are complex machines that shape most metal parts, and the industry's recovery is vital to restoring US prowess in making durable goods. Machine tools range from lathes and milling machines to metal-forming presses.

US machine tool makers, fighting back from the 1981-82 recession and the lullards made by foreign competition as the dollar soared in the mid-1980s, received \$56.3 million of orders last month, the industry association said. That was up from \$163 million a year earlier.

July's orders were down 33 per cent from June's \$382.8 million. But the June bookings were the highest for any month since mid-1980, and many machine tool plants as well as factories using

machine tools close for vacations in July.

In the first seven months of 1988, orders totalled \$2.07 billion, an 80 per cent jump from \$1.15 billion a year earlier.

Machine tool export orders, meanwhile, have risen 76 per cent this year from a year before.

With US exports of manufactured goods now soaring and imports slowing, investment in new factory equipment is running high. Adrian T. Dillon, chief economist for Eaton Corp., says US business spending on all types of machinery and equipment will rise more than 13 per cent this year and 7 per cent to 8 per cent next year.

Boom

And the spending boom he says, finally has spread to machine tools and other production machinery. Earlier in the current boom, US companies were buying mainly computers, telecommunications equipment and other potentially cost-saving electronic devices.

"We're seeing more serious activity in plant expansion and modernization than we've had at any other time in the 1980s," says Edson I. Gaylord, chairman and chief executive of Ingersoll Milling Machine Co., Rockford, Illinois. "Caterpillar, Ford Motor, the aircraft manufacturers and a whole lot of other companies are planning major projects to make their operations

more efficient."

Says James R. Roberts, vice-president, world-wide sales and marketing, for Giddings & Lewis, a unit of Amca International Corp., "There's a confidence level among our customers that we haven't seen in quite a while. They are looking for a good level of business in their own products and are willing to invest in production equipment."

Gains

So far, however, the order gains haven't greatly helped machine tool makers' profits. Prices continue to be held down by competition, although there's less discounting than there was a year ago. And because of the time required to engineer and produce the machines, shipments don't yet reflect the rise in orders. July's shipments of \$188.3 million were 4.8 per cent less than a year earlier, the industry group said, and shipments for the first seven months were down 2.5 per cent.

As always in the capital goods industry, there are threats to machine tool makers' emerging prosperity. Some industry executives' biggest concern is the recent rebound of the dollar. A continued climb in the currency, sparked by rising US interest rates, could weaken exports, undermine capital investment and intensify competition from non-US machine tool makers.

Duller markets give MCC limited opportunity for profitable deals

LONDON, Aug 31. (UPI): Robert Maxwell's global printing and publishing empire, Maxwell Communications Corporation (MCC), greatly increased its sales in the first half of 1988, but soaring costs and operating expenses took their toll, it was announced at a press conference today.

Maxwell, publisher of the Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror and Sporting Life among other publications, announced pre-tax profits of £71.9 million (\$122.23 million) compared with £70.5 million (\$119.85 million) for the same period last year was right at the very bottom end of market expectations.

Oil output declines

BAHRAIN, Aug 31. (Reuters): Bahrain, the first state in the Gulf to find oil, reported a two per cent drop in crude production last year.

The annual report of the Bahrain Monetary Authority (BMA), quoted by the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency, said output slipped from 15.5 million barrels in 1986 to 15.2 million barrels in 1987.

Bahrain spudded in the first oil well in the area in 1932. But oil industry sources say the wells are slowly drying up.

Earnings per share sank to 8.8 pence (14.96 cents) compared with 12.6 pence (21.42 cents) for the same time last year.

The dividend was maintained at 6 pence (10.2 cents).

In the first half of last year, the company made heavy profits from share dealing and property.

Net interest and investment contributed £32.1 million (\$54.57 million) to the pre-tax figure.

This time, in much duller markets which gave limited opportunity for profitable deals, the figure crashed down to £9.7 million (\$16.49 million).

Despite the dull pre-tax figure, a 33 per cent increase to £50.7 million (\$86.19 million) in operating profit decided the market that MCC's earnings, though much less, look to be coming from more solid sources and the shares perked up 4 pence (6.8 cents) to 200 pence (\$3.40).

Sales were £505.7 million (\$859.69 million) compared with £370.2 million (\$639.34 million) for the same time last year. But costs soared £100 million (\$170 million) to £366 million (\$622.2 million), and operating expenses jumped £24 million (\$40.8 million) to £88.9 million (\$151.13 million).

The rambling empire seems to be getting a little out of hand — perhaps because Maxwell has so much on his plate, some market analysts said.

This bid of £1.4 billion (\$2.38 billion) for US publishers Macmillan is making progress, said Macmillan, which has dismissed the \$80 a share offer as inadequate, has now provided Maxwell with some information about its operations.

At the press conference Maxwell declined to comment on speculation that MCC might reach a compromise deal with the Macmillan management to buy out the information side of the US group, estimated to be at least half the total.

He said today's announcement about discussions which took place yesterday between himself and the Macmillan chairman had been carefully worded and agreed to both sides.

He said these discussions would continue and "we have agreed to meet again shortly."

"This meeting will be in the US next week," Maxwell said.

He said "the Macmillan rejection had been on the ground that \$80 a share was not enough."

"Would you expect a seller to say anything else?" he said.

Asked about reports that he is interested in buying the privately owned Panini Company in Italy, which has some £70 million (\$119 million) sales largely in the children's market, Maxwell said "we are in discussions."

Gould and Nippon Mining announce merger pact

ROLLING MEADOWS, Illinois, Aug 31. (UPI): Gould Inc. and Nippon Mining Co. Ltd. yesterday announced a \$1.1 billion merger agreement.

News of the merger prompted heavy trading in Gould stock on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,295,700 shares changing hands. Gould gained 7-1/8 points to close at 22-3/4.

Nippon Mining US Inc, Nippon's US subsidiary, will soon launch a \$23.25 per share cash tender offer for all outstanding common shares of Gould, the companies announced in a joint news release. The total value of the deal is estimated at about \$1.1 billion.

The merger agreement has been approved unanimously by the boards of directors of both firms.

Decision

"The decision by the Gould board of directors to accept Nippon Mining's offer was based first and foremost on maximizing share value for our stockholders," Gould chairman James F. McDonald said.

The \$23.25 tender offer by Nippon Mining US is conditioned on acquiring a minimum of 23.5 million shares of Gould stock. As of July 31, there

were 45,034,053 outstanding shares.

Following completion of the tender offer, Nippon Mining and Gould will be merged.

Gould designs, develops and manufactures computers and electronic products used in information processing, defence, engineering and scientific applications.

Nippon Mining Co. Ltd., is one of Japan's 50 largest industrial firms, involved in a number of fields, from mining and smelting to petroleum production and bio-technology.

Nippon Mining president Yukio Kasahara said the acquisition of Gould "will enable Nippon Mining to continue its planned expansion in the global marketplace and further enhance Nippon Mining's competitive position in several key businesses, primarily electro-deposited copper foil, fuses, fiber optic components and optoelectronics."

"We expect that our shareholders and employees will greatly benefit from the Gould acquisition," Kasahara said.

He said following the acquisition, Gould will operate as a wholly owned subsidiary under the Gould name.

US oil prices jump

NEW YORK, Aug 31. (OPECNA): Energy futures advanced on the New York Mercantile Exchange yesterday on news that oil stocks in the United States had decreased.

The weekly storage report from the American Petroleum Institute (API) disclosed that crude oil stocks were down by 4.2 million barrels last week while distillates fell by around three million.

Gasoline stocks rose by 699,000 barrels, said the report.

Traders and analysts were quoted by news agency reports as saying that market players were still closely watching developments concerning the visit to OPEC member countries by the organisation's secretary-general Dr Subroto.

Trading

West Texas Intermediate, the US benchmark crude, ended the day's trading five cents up at \$15.27 a barrel for October delivery.

Home-heating oil for September delivery gained 0.38 cents to finish at 43.14 cents a gallon while unleaded gasoline for the same month ended trading at 48.03 cents a gallon, up by 0.79 cents.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug 31. (Reuters): The market continued a downward spin in this featureless trade. Interest rate and inflation fears led the spiral. The All Ordinaries index fell 10.4 to 1,570.

TOKYO — Prices closed lower in thin trade and no fresh factors likely to relieve dull interest. The Nikkei index sank 145.7 to 27,365.95.

HONG KONG — Prices closed marginally up with most gains from a midday rally pared by last-minute overseas fund manager selling. The Hang Seng index was up 4.25 to 2,443.8.

SINGAPORE — Prices closed higher across the board on scattered bargain-hunting but some late profit-taking pared earlier gains. The Straits Times index rose 16.38 to 1,036.59.

BOMBAY — Share prices firmed for the second day on heavy buying by state-owned financial institutions. Sentiment was helped by expectations of better half-yearly corporate results.

FRANKFURT — Shares slipped back from early gains to close marginally lower in quiet to moderate trading, buttressed by a perception that interest rates were stabilising. The Dax index fell 0.17 to 1,165.36.

ZURICH — Share prices closed lower in mostly featureless trad-

ing which grew slightly livelier towards the end of the session. The Swiss index lost 3.2 points to 885.5.

PARIS — French share prices ended at their day's highs, stimulated by foreign buying in a broad cross-section of leading shares. The 50-share price indicator posted a late 0.45 per cent gain.

NEW YORK — Wall Street stocks lost most of an early, modest advance scored on rising bond prices.

India to import oil from Iraq

NEW DELHI, Aug 31. (OPECNA): India intends importing 3.50 million tonnes of crude oil from Iraq during 1988-89, Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Braham Dutt has announced in parliament.

He told the upper chamber that India would also purchase oil over the period from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Iran, Kuwait and the Soviet Union.

He admitted that Indian oil production during 1987-88 had fallen below target due to a decline in output from certain fields.

Toyota to export US-made cars to Taiwan

Dear Junior Readers,

You have probably noticed the great number of stray cats that roam around the streets of Kuwait. Now, as appealing as they may be, especially the kittens, do think twice before 'adopting' them. As you can read in the caption that goes with the picture of the 'orphan' owl below, the best thing to do if you find an animal wandering around alone is to leave it where it is. Not only is there a chance that you are taking a young animal away from its absent mother, but you could also be making a whole lot of trouble for yourself by having to look after it, and, in the case of these cats, you could be in danger of getting some nasty diseases from a scratch or a bite.

Do not misunderstand me—I am not suggesting that you just leave the poor things to starve. By all means put out some food or water for them, but it is really not a good idea to pick them up or take them into your home. The point is that they are neither wild nor tame, so although they will come to you for food, you will probably never be able to make a pet of one, which means that you will always have doubts about the state of its health.

Ainthe Jayne

By Thomas Crofton Croker

THIS is the story that granny told me, sitting in her garden one summer evening, when I was sure I had just seen a fairy among the beans. Do I believe in fairies? Why, of course I do. Haven't I seen one with my own eyes. Seeing is believing you know, and although this was many, many years ago, I can still tell you what the little fellow was like.

One day, I was sitting in the garden here, with my knitting in my hand. It was a fine, sunny day, about the middle of June. The bees were humming among the flowers; the birds were chirping and hopping on the bushes, and everything smelt fresh. All of a sudden I heard

among the rows of beans a noise that went tick-tack, tick-tack; it was just like a cobbler putting on the heel of a shoe.

"What can that be?" I said to myself.

So I laid down my knitting and went quietly over to the beans, and what do you think I saw? A little old man no bigger than my thumb, with such a funny little hat on his head! He had a little red coat on his back, and silver buckles on his shoes. Of course, I knew at once the little man was a fairy cobbler. You didn't think that the fairies needed shoemakers?

Oh, but they do, for the little people are so fond of dancing that they soon wear out their shoes. The fairy cobbler is the only fairy who works really hard. All the others do



The fairy cobbler

nothing but dance and play tricks.

The cobbler always carries a purse with a bright piece of silver in it. It is a great find to get your hands on a fairy purse.

Well, I kept as still as a cat when she is watching a

mouse-hole. I could hear the tip-tap of the little fellow's hammer.

The fairy was laughing, too, all the time, as happy as a lark on an April morning. He had his back turned towards me, and was bend-

ing over the tiniest shoe I had ever seen.

Here was my chance to get a real fairy purse, I thought.

"That's hard work you're doing on this hot day," I said to him.

The fairy turned swiftly round, and looked up at my face with a frightened look. I thought he was going to run away, so I caught hold of him.

"Where is your purse of money?" I asked.

"Money?" cried he; "Money, indeed! And where would a poor little man like me get money?"

"Come, come," I said, "none of your tricks. Every one knows that the fairy cobbler always have money."

I gave him a bit of a shake, and the little man looked so frightened that I

almost pitied him.

"Come with me to the meadow," said he, "and I will show you where I keep my money."

So I went to the meadow, still holding him in my hand, and keeping my eyes fixed upon him. If you take your eyes off a fairy for one moment, the little fellow can run away. All of a sudden I heard a loud buzz behind me.

"There! there!" cried the little man. "Your bees are all swarming and going off by themselves."

Without thinking, I turned my head, but could see nothing. Then I looked angrily at the fairy, but, would you believe it? There was nothing in my hand. The moment I had looked round, he had slipped away, and he never came near my garden again.

Happy birthday



Jennifer celebrates her 8th birthday today. Best wishes, Jennifer, from your parents, brother, relatives and friends.



Raja celebrated her first birthday on Aug. 30. Best wishes and love, Raja, from your parents, relatives and friends.

Solution to 'Picture clue crossword':

Across: 1. Bouffant 5. Pier 7. King 9. Potato
Down: 1. Bagpipes 2. Nose 3. Rink 4. Song 6. Rock 8. Noose

Truly amazing!

The sun uses an estimated 22 million billion tonnes of hydrogen in a year.

Experts have valued Julius Caesar's autograph at over one million pounds.

A National Atlas of Britain appeared in 1579...
The name is named after the Mayan word for smoking, 'sik'.

The Flying Scotsman has left London for Edinburgh at the same time, 10 a.m., for 100 years, with the exception of the war years, 1939-45, when it left at 9.30.

A Persian wheel is operated by a camel or bullock walking round in circles, to draw water from a well. In Pakistan today there are still 200,000 Persian wells in operation.

In 1889 a Hungarian princess named Anthony Koharry was officially designated a man, as she was the last of her line.

An Indian was pronounced dead in 1886 when both circulation and breathing stopped. As preparations for his funeral were being made, it was found that the man was breathing—and he lived for another 32 years.

Court ladies in fourteenth-century France used to wear their corsets as outer garments.

Over half of all the known types of flowers in the world grow in South Africa.

Mozart, Beethoven and Mendelssohn were all short men.

The body of a hanged man found in Denmark in 1950 was so well preserved that a recent crime was suspected, but it was found that the man had been executed 1000 years ago.

Goethe wrote a story in seven languages when he was barely ten.

Kamchatka Peninsula at the eastern end of the USSR has 20 geysers spouting steam and water, and over 60 active volcanoes.

Storytime

What is each book title?

1. **cat + dog = CATDOG**

2. **hand + coin = HANDCOIN**

3. **bottle + glass = BOTTLEGLASS**

4. **key + lock = KEYLOCK**

Solution on Tuesday

Which three-letter words end one word and start the next?

RAB ()TER
ROT ()DER
GAR ()TIST
CAR ()ROL
MAR ()ING
HAP ()CIL

Join the words

Fit the picture names into the circle and the cross.

Find a way through each maze.

Who has hooked the fish?

Orphans that want to go home



These baby owls were 'saved' by well-meaning people who thought they were lost or abandoned. But, in most cases, they should just have been left alone, says the wildlife centre near Taunton in England, where 31 of these 'orphans' are being cared

for. The advice is not to take any young animal from the wild unless you are absolutely sure that its mother is dead and only then if you know of an animal centre where the creature can be properly looked after.

Ha! Ha!

How do you tell the difference between an elephant and a gooseberry?
Elephants don't grow on bushes.

What's one of the hardest things to do?
Milk puddings.

How do dinosaurs pass exams?
With extinction.

What does it mean when the barometer is falling?
That somebody hasn't nailed it up properly.

When is an operatic singer not a singer?
When she is a little hoarse.

MALCOLM: Will you do my homework for me?
MOTHER: No, it wouldn't be right.
MALCOLM: Well, at least you could try.



- CAN YOU NAME THE GREAT LAKES?
- 1 Who killed Cock Robin?
 - 2 What frightened Miss Muffet?
 - 3 What did Little Bo Peep lose?
 - 4 What did Tom the Piper's son steal?
 - 5 What pecked off the Maid's nose?

Solution on Tuesday



آخری عالم میں ذیل کیا ذیہ پولیس والی کم و بیش

جنوب کی ہر ٹیرن نے ناپا
گنا چھوڑ کر کبھی نہ کبھی
پولیس کی دُری پہنی ہے

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ان دونوں ایک نیا دور چلا ہے کہ پولیس مین یا پولیس دوسن

فہم

پولیس، پک، پستول اور قانون دونوں
اپنے ہاتھ میں رکھنا چاہتے
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ملی پولیس والے
تھے ہیں کہ مسلمان
ان کا غلط تصور
ش کیا جا رہا ہے

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پاکستان ٹیلی ویژن

فی ملازمین ہیں انہیں بچانے کی اجازت نہیں صرف اثاثے کو بچاتے ہیں



”جنگلی شہزادی“ عائشہ سلیم



اسلام آباد احمد آفتاب پاکستان ٹیلی ویژن کے ایک ذرے کے کردار

مرزا غالب بچہ و گرام اشد سہ ماہ تک ملتوی

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اور ہمہ نظر آتا ہے

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 اسکل کر لی تھی اور کھڑے تھے اس وقت یہ وضو
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 تب سبکل سے ہی اسے ملا سونگہ مساجد میں خود
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 دور دور سے ہی اس کے پاس پہنچتی تھیں اور کہتی
 تھیں۔ ان دنوں مجھے جتے لوگوں کے ساتھ وہاں پہنچتا
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سری ونوی



دکھیں پولیس والا سہین چکر کرتی ہاں دیکھا "بہن شاہکار" کے ایک معرے۔



ہزارہ کے لشکر ایت کار جی پی ہو لیس واسٹو حرمند کو منظر کوا



وہ کہہ کے ساتھ ہلکتی کہہ "مہار" میں ایک مرتبہ پھر اس حق پر یسوع اللہ ہے



سائرہ بانو کے خراسانی



میں نے تو ہی چاہا کہ اور عامر خاں کے ساتھ "لو لو لو" شہر بھر کی ہے

SPORTS

BASEBALL

Oakland overcome Boston

NEW YORK, Aug 31, (AP) — Roger Clemens found his fastball, but Boston's search for first place in the American League East continues.

Oakland's Dave Stewart pitched a five-hitter to beat Clemens and the Red Sox 1-0 last night.

For the second straight night, the Red Sox missed a chance to move into a first-place tie with Detroit as the Tigers lost 4-1 to Chicago.

Clemens, 15-10, allowed nine hits and had nine strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings as he lost his fifth straight game.

"It's hard to take when a guy like Roger finds himself and you wind up losing by a run," Boston manager Joe Morgan said.

"When he gives up one run, we always win — but not tonight."

Clemens raised his Major League-leading strikeout total to 257, one short of the club season record set by Smokey Joe Wood in 1912. Clemens had 256 strikeouts last season.

White Sox 4, Tigers 1

Harold Baines scored the go-ahead run and drove in another as Chicago beat struggling Detroit at Comiskey Park to send the Tigers to their fourth straight defeat. Jeff Buttzig, 2-4, yielded one run and five hits in 5 1/3 innings to gain only Chicago's third victory in 11 games with Detroit this season. Barry Jones pitched two innings for his first save.

Mariners 7, Yankees 1

New York lost its sixth straight as Seattle's Scott Bradley hit a three-run homer and Mike Campbell allowed four hits in 7 2/3 innings at the Kingdome.

Indians 4, Royals 1

Tom Candiotti allowed five hits in six innings for his third consecutive victory as visiting Cleveland beat Kansas City to snap the Royals' four-game winning streak. Julio Franco walked leading off the Indians' first, moved to third to Joe Carter's single and scored when Ted Power, 5-6, threw a wild pitch. Carter took third on the wild pitch and scored on Mel Hall's single.

Brewers 6, Blue Jays 2

Kevin Lincecum pitched five innings and allowed two runs as Milwaukee beat Toronto at County Stadium. Deer hit his 19th homer with two outs in the fifth off starter Jeff Musselman, 5-3. The homer, following a single by Robin Yount, broke a 1-1 tie. Ted Higuera, 12-8, allowed eight hits and two runs in 7 1/3 innings en route to his fifth straight victory.

Rangers 8, Twins 6

Cecil Espy's two-run homer with one out in the ninth inning lifted Texas over visiting Minnesota. Bobby Witt was seeking a club-record 10th straight complete game for Texas but left after eight innings allowing six runs, six hits and eight walks. The Twins rallied from a 5-0 deficit and took a 6-5 lead in the fifth on Kent Hrbek's two-run homer.

Orioles 5, Angels 2

Dave Schmidt won his fourth straight game as Baltimore beat California at Anaheim. Schmidt, 7-3, is 4-0 since coming out of the bullpen after 32 relief appearances. Eddie Murray led off the Orioles' four-run second with his 25th homer on a pitch from Dan Petry, 3-6. It was Murray's 21st homer since June 6.

Reds 6, Pirates 4

Danny Jackson became the NL's first 19-game winner and tied Minnesota's Frank Viola for most victories in the majors as Cincinnati beat Pittsburgh. Jackson, 19-6, gave up five hits in 8 2/3 innings. The Reds scored six times in the first inning against Brian Fisher, 7-10.

Results

American League			
Chicago	4	Detroit	1
Cleveland	4	Kansas City	1
Milwaukee	6	Toronto	2
Texas	8	Minnesota	6
Seattle	7	New York	1
Baltimore	5	California	2
Oakland	1	Boston	0
National League			
Cincinnati	6	Pittsburgh	4
Los Angeles	4	Montreal	2
New York	1	San Diego	0
Philadelphia	7	San Francisco	5
St. Louis	9	Atlanta	1
Houston	7	Chicago	4

Egbunike beats Tiacoh

ANNABA, Algeria, Aug 31, (AP) — In a duel between potential medalists at the Olympic Games next month, Innocent Egbunike of Nigeria beat Gabriele Tiacoh of the Ivory Coast yesterday at the African Track and Field championships.

The runners were hampered by a stiff wind circling in the 19th of May 1988 stadium so Egbunike's winning time was a relatively slow 45.43. Still Egbunike, the World Championship silver medalist, beat Tiacoh, who was runner-up at the 1984 Olympics.

"It was too windy most of the race," Egbunike said. "So now I

GOWER AND THOMAS SLAM TONS

Stewart hits Essex for 133

LONDON, Aug 31, (Reuter) — Essex's challenge for the English County Cricket Championship was met with stern resistance in the shape of a century by Surrey's Alec Stewart — his first in the 1988 competition — at the Oval yesterday.

Stewart hit a fluent 133 and spurred Surrey to 360 for nine at the close of the opening day of a four-day match that could have a significant bearing on Essex's title ambitions.

Third-placed Essex are 27 points behind leaders Kent but have a game in hand, and victory over Surrey would enable them to jump ahead of Worcestershire into second place.

Flawless Stewart featured in two three-figure stands, adding 105 for the second with opener Darren Bicknell (50) and 106 for the fourth with David Ward (50).

In this flawless innings of 265 minutes, Stewart struck one six and 31 fours off 238 deliveries before pulling medium-pace Ian Pont into Don Topley's hands at mid-on.

"Essex fielded with 10 men while awaiting the arrival from Lord's of Graham Gooch, who took his place during the second session after captaining England to Test victory over Sri Lanka earlier in the day.

Gooch made his mark by taking two sharp spin catches to remove Jack Richards and Keith Medleycott.

Glamorgan fast bowler Greg Thomas, discarded by England, hammered a career-best unbeaten 108 to help his county



Thomas, scored 108

recover from 114 for six to 268 for nine against Warwickshire at Edgbaston.

It was Thomas's second century in two weeks, and he shared an unbroken last wicket stand of 79 with Steve Bastin, who made 35 not out in his first championship innings.

Leicestershire captain David Gower, dropped by England after the four of the five Tests against West Indies, scored his first championship century for a year — a superb 146 against champions Nottinghamshire at Leicester.

Gower, who promoted himself to open, made his runs off 219 balls in 240 minutes, hitting 21 fours and a six as Leicestershire made 314 for seven after being put in to bat.

Peter Hartley, who went in at 37 for six, made a career-best unbeaten 127 to transform Yorkshire's position against Lancashire at Old Trafford.

His maiden century steered Yorkshire from the verge of disaster to a respectable 224 all out in 86 overs. Then left-arm spinners Phil Carrick and Paul Booth each grabbed a late wicket as Lancashire struggled to 38 for two in 16 overs.

At Old Trafford: Yorkshire 224 (P.J. Hartley 127 not out; W. Allott 5-70); Lancashire 38-2.

At Edgbaston: Glamorgan 268-9 (J.G. Thomas 108 not out,



Gower, hammered Notts for 146

shire at Old Trafford.

At the Oval: Surrey 360-9 (A.J. Stewart 133, D. Bicknell 50, D.M. Ward 50) vs. Essex.

At Leicester: Leicestershire 314-7 (D.I. Gower 146, L. Potter 85) vs. Nottinghamshire.

At Hove: Middlesex 280-4 (R.O. Butcher 92 not out) vs. Sussex.

At Southampton: Hampshire 113 (K.M. Curran 4-24); Gloucestershire 134-8.

New Zealand tour of India to go ahead

WELLINGTON, Aug 31, (Reuter) — New Zealand's cricket tour of India will go ahead after the two sides reached a compromise on the match schedule, New Zealand Cricket Council chairman Bob Vance said.

New Delhi had threatened to pull out of the two-month tour claiming the schedule was too tight.

The Indian cricketing board originally proposed five one-day internationals within nine days at the conclusion of the six match — three Tests and three first class matches — tour.

New Zealand demanded a reduction in the one-day games or more rest days between the matches.

Vance said in an interview that New Zealand accepted an altered itinerary of five one-day internationals over a period of twelve days.

The council's stand was supported by star New Zealand all-rounder Richard Hadlee and was bolstered further when England's Test and County Cricket Board last week rejected an itinerary for its Christmas tour which included five one-day matches in 10 days.

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SPORTS

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Miandad injured

ISLAMABAD, Aug 31. (Reuters): Javed Miandad, the favourite to captain Pakistan in their forthcoming Test and one-day cricket series against Australia, has a chest injury and will need a week's physiotherapy to recover, the official APP news agency reported today.

Chess medals

MOSCOW, Aug 31. (Reuters): The Soviet Chess Federation has recommended that world champion Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov should both be awarded gold medals because their USSR championship ended in a draw.

Test cricketer

LONDON, Aug 31. (Reuters): Seven counties have shown interest in signing England Test cricketer Phillip DeFreitas, who is being released from his contract with Leicestershire at the end of the season.

Soccer star

PARIS, Aug 31. (Reuters): Impulsive soccer star Eric Cantona, banned indefinitely from playing for France after a vitriolic attack on national trainer Henri Michel in a televised interview, has patched up his differences with the coach.

US triumph

FULLERTON, California, Aug 31. (AP): J.R. Reid, Bimbo Coles and Charles Smith of Pittsburgh each scored 14 points last night as the US Olympic men's basketball team completed a nine-game exhibition tour with a 91-71 victory over Athletics in Action.

Three-day match

DERBY, England, Aug 31. (Reuters): Derbyshire were 15 for one in reply to Sri Lanka's first innings score of 297 for six declared on the first day of their three-day cricket match today.

British soccer

LONDON, Aug 31. (Reuters): Results of British soccer matches played yesterday.

English Division Two	Crystal Palace	1	Chelsea	1
English Football League Cup first round	Blackburn	1	Sheff Wed	0
Bolton	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Bournemouth	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Bristol City	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Bury	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Cardiff	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Carlisle	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Colchester	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Crewe	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Darlington	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Fulham	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Grimby	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Hartlepool	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Leyton Orient	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Nottingham	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Port Vale	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Rochdale	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Scunthorpe	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Shrewsbury	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Southend	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Torquay	1	Sheff Wed	0	
Wolves	1	Sheff Wed	0	
York	1	Sheff Wed	0	

RESULTS OF Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday.

1. N. Shah & K. Zahedi
2. A.L. Durr & R. Stecker
3. B. Sherin & A. Bayoumi
4. W. Salama & B. Carsten
5. Mrs. Cammelli & Sultan Ali
6. M. Khalaf & M. Oskay
7. N. Sayre & S. Gajjar & B. Pereira & Ravi B.
A marathon bridge session will be held tomorrow at 3.00 pm.

EDBERG AND NAVRATILOVA SCORE EASY WINS

Becker and McEnroe reach second round

NEW YORK, Aug 31. (Reuters): Fifth-seed Boris Becker put on a convincing display of power tennis last night to win a serve and volley duel from American Todd Nelson 6-3 6-0 7-6 in the first round of the US Open tennis championships.

Becker's victory completed the day's march by seeds into the second round with one notable exception.

Eighth-seed Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union, a finalist in this year's French Open, was upset by American qualifier Kim Steinmetz 4-6 6-3 6-4.

The 183rd-ranked Steinmetz played a steady baseline game and took advantage of scores of errors by the talented seventh-ranked Soviet teenager.

Expected
"I have never felt better after a match than I did today," said Steinmetz.

The victory by Steinmetz may have helped Martina Navratilova's cause greatly. Zvereva, who had beaten Navratilova twice this year, was expected to meet the defending champion in the quarterfinals.

"I wanted to avenge my loss at the French, but at the same time my heart isn't broken exactly," Navratilova said of Zvereva's fate.

Becker, whose match was halted for nearly half an hour when the lights went out at Louis Armstrong stadium in the second game of the first set, went on to a seven after losing his serve in the fourth game.



Becker: brushed aside Nelson

Leading 4-3, Becker ran off eight straight games, dropping just seven points in the process.

To Nelson's credit, he refused to give up. The American began taking more chances and battled the former Wimbledon champion to a third set tiebreak before Becker prevailed 7-5.

"For a first round match I thought I played very well especially the first two sets. Last time when we played in Indian-

apolis he gave me a hard time. I wanted to make sure to take him right from the beginning," Becker said.

Swedes Stefan Edberg, the third seed, and Mats Wilander, seeded second, who between them have captured the year's first three Grand Slam titles, posted easy straight set victories.

"I think I have a good chance (to win the title)," Edberg said after he breezed past Cze-



McEnroe: outlasted Lavalle

choslovak Libor Pimek 6-2 6-2 6-4.

Wilander dropped just seven games in finishing off American Greg Holmes in a match halted by rain on Monday.

"Last year if I was as confident as this I'd have won," said Wilander, who lost the 1987 final to Lendl.

Former world number-one John McEnroe, seeded 16, had trouble with his serve, but

defeated Mexican Leonardo Lavalle 6-3 6-4 6-4. He was somewhat less confident about his chances to win a fifth US Open title.

"The first five seeds have the best chance of winning," McEnroe said. "The rest are all long shots."

One of those long shots — eighth-seed Czechoslovak Miloslav Mecir — delivered a whopping 75 per cent of his first

serves on target in his 7-5 6-4 6-0 win over compatriot Thomas Smid and could be in form to give some of the top seeds real problems in the later rounds.

Women's fifth seed Gabriela Sabatini, the only player to beat Graf this year, won 12 of the last 13 games to rout fellow Argentine Bettina Fulco 6-3 6-0.

"I'm looking forward to winning this tournament," said the confident 18-year-old.

The second-seeded Navratilova, who would like nothing better than to stop Graf from completing the Grand Slam, began the defence of her title by rolling over Sweden's Catarina Lindqvist 6-1 6-3 in 55 minutes.

Navratilova, who never won the four Grand Slam tournaments in a single calendar year, was not thrilled with all the attention Graf has been getting.

Streak

"When I won, it was Grand Slam Martina and now I don't even exist," she said bitterly. "I'm just trying to figure out how you can win six in a row and not win the Grand Slam."

Navratilova said of her streak that began with her 1983 Wimbledon title.

Today's results: Chris Evert (US) beat Conchita Martinez (Spain) 6-4 6-1; Rosalinda (US) beat Marianne Werdel (US) 6-4 6-0; Sylvia Hanika (West Germany) beat Sara Gomer (Britain) 6-1 6-3; Barbara Potter (US) beat Wilfried Probst (West Germany) 6-2 6-3; Nathalie Herremans (France) beat Kathy Rinaldi (US) 6-4 6-2; Halle Cloffi (US) beat Laura Lapi (Italy) 6-4 6-4.

Coe finishes third in 1,500m

Cram collapses in 1,000 metres

RIETI, Italy, Aug 31. (Reuters): Britain's top middle distance Olympic medal hope Steve Cram pulled out of a 1,000 metres race today, hopping in agony and finally collapsing on the side of the track.

Cram, who was way out in front of the field with only 200 metres to go, rolled on the grass clutching his right leg.

Looking

The mile world record-holder, who is due to run in both the 1,500 and 800 metres at Seoul, had been looking to beat the world best time at the distance.

Organisers had provided

two pace-makers to help him in his assault on Sebastian Coe's 1981 Oslo time of two minutes 12.18 seconds.

Coe, controversially left out of the British Olympic squad, managed only third place in the 1,500 metres.

Although he kept with leaders throughout the race he was overtaken 300 metres from home by Italian discovery Gennaro Di Napoli, who finished in three minutes 34.72 seconds.

Di Napoli, 20, powered down the final straight, looking fresh and confident, ahead of Britain's Adrian Passey, who clocked 3:35.14.

Coe, who won the 1,500 metres at the Olympic Games in Moscow and Los Angeles, managed 3:35.72, nearly six seconds short of his best time at the distance which he ran here two years ago.

Britain's Peter Elliott strode to a comfortable victory in the 800 metres when he recorded his best time of the year against a moderate field. He won in a time of one minute 44.19 seconds.

Attacked

The red-haired Elliott kept up an easy pace behind America's Ken Washington throughout the first lap and attacked at 500 metres.

He strode out in front and forced the pace alone down the final straight.

It was the eighth fastest time in the world this season and bettered Elliott's previous run this year by more than three tenths of a second. Compatriot Tony Morrell was second in 1:44.61.

In the first race of the day, world record-holder Renaldo Nehemiah ran well within himself to take the 110 metres hurdles in 13.50 seconds.

Compatriot Dianne Williams won the 100 metres in 11.40 ahead of Italy's Anna Agotzi.

Jansher routs compatriot in first round match

HONG KONG, Aug 31. (Reuters): Pakistan's Jansher Khan began the defence of the Hong Kong Open title, which last year triggered off his swift rise to the top of world squash, with a commanding first round victory today.

The 19-year-old world number one brushed aside compatriot Mir Zaman Gul, ranked 30th in the world, 15-7 15-7 15-6 in 38 minutes.

Career

In the semifinals of last year's event Jansher beat the then world number one Jahangir Khan for the first time in his career.

World number two Jahangir, who beat Jansher to take the World Open title in Amsterdam earlier this year, is not playing in this year's Hong Kong tournament.

Jansher, fresh from victory in the New Zealand Open on Sunday, is expected to meet Australian Chris Dittmar, ranked

third in the world, in the final.

The only serious opposition in his half of the draw is likely to come from former world champion Ross Norman.

The 29-year-old New Zealander, ranked number three in the world, cruised to the second round with an easy 15-13 15-6 15-9 win over British qualifier Chris Walker.

The session's most exciting match was a pulsating contest between Britain's Rodney Eyles, the ninth seed here, and Australia's Jason Nicol.

Nicol's dexterity with reverse angle shots from seemingly irretrievable positions gave him the edge in a 6-15 15-11 17-15 15-12 victory.

Pakistan's Zarak Jahan Khan was the only other seed to be eliminated in the first round. The 10th seed failed to contain the athleticism of Canada's Sabir Butt, 34th in the world, losing 15-10 6-15 15-12 15-10.

Badminton results

BANGKOK, Aug 31. (Reuters): Results of preliminary round-robin matches today in the Badminton World Cup: Yang Yang (China) beat Karun Kasayapanant (Thailand) 15-3 8-15 15-3; Allen Budi Kusuma (Indonesia) beat Michael Kjeldsen (Denmark) 15-7 18-11; Morten Frost (Denmark) beat Nick Yates (England) 18-17 18-14; Eddy Kusnawan (Indonesia) beat Widan Sidiq (Malaysia) 15-8 15-11; Xiong Guobao (China) beat Ib Frederiksen (Denmark) 15-8 15-2; Darren Hall (England) beat Pramote Teeravivat (Thailand) 15-8 15-2; Ick Sugianto (Indonesia) beat Park Sung-Bae (South Korea) 15-9 15-2; Zhao Jianhua (China) beat Steve Braddeley (England) 15-5 15-2; Li Lingwei (China) beat Ladawan Mulsatadon (Thailand) 11-8 11-2; Huang Hua (China) beat Koh Mei Hwa (Indonesia) 11-8 11-5; Hye Young Hwang (South Korea) beat Elaine Coene (Netherlands) 11-8 11-2; Han Aiping (China) beat Pernille Nedergaard (Denmark) 11-5 11-4.

Three Australian cities bid for 1996 Olympics

MELBOURNE, Aug 31. (Reuters): Melbourne, host of the 1956 Olympics, has been joined by Sydney and Brisbane in bidding to stage the 1996 Games.

City officials from the three cities today presented the Australian Olympic Federation with \$100,000 deposits and outlines of their plans for the last Games of the 20th century.

Federation president Kevin Gosper said in Melbourne that Australia's final candidate would be announced on November 17.

Other cities in the running are

Atlanta, Manchester and Toronto. Sentimental favourite Athens has yet to make a formal bid.

Melbourne city officials argue Australia's second largest city has the best sports facilities in the country only a few kilometres from the proposed Olympic village in a new docklands development.

Built

Many facilities built for the 1956 Games, including the 100,000 seat stadium at the Melbourne Cricket ground, would

be reused but a new velodrome, swimming centre and a 15,000-seat indoor stadium would be built.

City officials expect a Melbourne Olympics to cost 1.4 billion dollars (\$1.1 billion) which they hope will yield at least an \$83 million dollar (\$66 million) surplus.

Sydney's ambitious 1.8 billion dollar (\$1.4 billion) proposal calls for almost entirely new facilities and its backers argue that Australia's largest city has not hosted international games since World War II.

Seoul not expecting defections during Games

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug 31. (AP): An organising committee official said today he believed preventive measures by South Korea's government would head off any defections by athletes or officials coming to Seoul for the Summer Olympics.

Kim Sam-Hoon, director general of the Seoul Olympic Organising Committee's international affairs department, added, however, "I am not in a position to go into details about preventive measures."

Prevention

He told reporters at a briefing that the government was "looking into every possibility that would be good for prevention."

Kim added: "I personally believe Korea is not the right choice for defection."

He said that in his meetings with visiting delegations from more than 100 of the 161 nations sending athletes to the Summer Games, "I never heard any worries or concerns about defections during the Olympics."

"I can't believe that kind of case (defection) will happen during the Games... I believe government authorities will take the necessary preventing measures," he said in reply to questions.

Asked what would happen if a would-be defector went to the US embassy, Kim said, "Do you think you could have access to



Members of a 1,300-strong troupe of high school boys and girls practising 'Dawn Road,' one of the traditional dances to be featured at the opening ceremony of the Olympics on Sept 17. (Reuters wirephoto)

the US embassy during the Games?

Earlier, SLOOC president Park Seh-jik said the basic policy toward defections is "not to encourage that type of thing." If

a case did occur, he said, South Korea's actions would "have to be in accordance with international practices."

During the 1986 Asian Games in Seoul, four Iranian weightlif-

ters defected to Iraq. South Korean authorities at the time refused to give information on the case.

Asked about the possibility of North Korea abandoning its

boycott plan and entering the Games in Seoul, Kim noted that the deadline for entries is midnight Friday and after that, "I don't think it is practically and legally possible."

But he said he could not completely rule out any North Korean entry. After the deadline, he said, "If something happens, we will have to think about it again." A final decision would be up to the International Olympic Committee, Kim added.

SLOOC officials have said all along that the door for North Korea's entry would be kept open until the last possible moment.

Declared

North Korea has said it will boycott the Games unless it is made a co-host. Its official news agency declared today that by rejecting the co-host idea, South Korea has "fully revealed that it intended to abuse the Olympics for confrontation between the North and the South and permanent division of the country."

Kim said North Korea "always tries to hit the ball into the other court. We believe it is in their court."

The IOC offered to let North Korea stage part or all of five of 23 Olympics sports, but North Korea insisted on more.

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